

- **Minutes of the Pipestone Soil and Water Conservation District Meeting**  
**April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.**  
**Pipestone County Government Center Southwest**  
**1016 8<sup>th</sup> Ave SW Pipestone, Minnesota**

**Board Members Present:**

Bill Folger, Chairman  
Brad Kruisselbrink, Vice-Chair  
Ken Christensen, Programs  
Mike Fruechte, PR&I

**Board Members Absent:** Cal Spronk, Secretary/Treasurer

**Others Present:**

Luke Johnson, Nathan Blankers, Melissa Rosendahl, Kyle Krier, Shannon Bootsma, and Nicole Schwebach.

Chairman Folger called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

**A. Approve Agenda**

Kruisselbrink made a motion to approve the April agenda as presented. Fruechte seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

**B. Approval of Minutes**

Motion made by Fruechte, seconded by Kruisselbrink to approve the minutes of the March board meeting. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

**C. Financial Report and Approval of Bills**

Kruisselbrink made a motion to file the financial reports and approve the payment of bills. Fruechte seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

**New Business:**

**D. RCPP Policy Review**

- a. Schwebach reviewed the RCPP policy funding options. Fruechte made a motion to support having a 320 acre cap on the funding along with 1,2, or 3 year contract options. Christensen seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

**E. Mentor Program Update**

- a. Bootsma gave an update to the board that she has contacted 6 different producers with different backgrounds to be mentors and all have accepted. Bootsma will bring the mentor contract to the next board meeting for approval.

## **F. Cost Share Contract**

- a. Bootsma presented a cost share contract for Ken Christensen/Seth Christensen SLSM 1245 Family Partner/The D&S Christensen Family LTD contract #25-Christensen-02 in Grange township section 33 to install a waterway along with mulching and seeding. The project cost estimate is \$43,501.70 with 90% cost share the authorized contract amount is \$39,151.53 paid out of the 24/25 cost share and 23 Capacity fund. Christesen abstained from voting on this contract. Kruisselbrink made a motion to approve the contract and amendment. Fruechte seconded the motion. Approve: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried

## **G. AgBMP Update**

- a. Rosendahl shared how the program is going. The board recommended that if the RCPP funding does go through the AgBMP funds will be focused towards funding equipment to help with implementing the practices of the RCPP Policy.

## **H. State of MN JPA**

- a. Schwebach presented the State of Minnesota Joint Powers Agreement for a field day being held on June 24<sup>th</sup>. The JPA lays out the duties of the event. Fruechte made a motion for Schwebach to approve signing the JPA. Christensen seconded the motion. Approve: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

## **Reports:**

### **County Commissioner Report:**

Johnson – Attended 1WP meeting yesterday. The funds are being spent quickly in this program.

### **Supervisor Reports:**

Fruechte – Will be using a drone for herbicide use in pastures.

Christensen – Attended the 1W1P meeting yesterday. Met Caleb Rempel the new agronomist with New Vision.

Kruisselbrink – Attended RCRCA meeting. Was nominated as Pipestone County Farm Family of the Year.

Folger – Nothing.

**NRCS Report:** Letters went out to EQIP and CSP contract holders for status reviews. FSA farm program sign up is happening.

**Manager's Report:** There will be a meeting with the 4 local NRCS and SWCD's in early June for the local work group. Buffer letters have been sent out. There are 5 non-compliant sites.

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business Chairman Folger declared the meeting adjourned at 10:35.

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Brad Kruisselbrink, Vice-Chair