

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

Board Members Present:

Bill Folger, Chairman
Brad Kruisselbrink, Vice-Chair
Cal Spronk, Secretary/Treasurer
Mike Fruechte, PR&I

Board Members Absent:

Ken Christensen, Programs

Others Present:

Melissa Rosendahl, Kyle Krier, Kyle Kuphal, Doug Nagel, Nicole Schwebach

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

A. Approve Agenda

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

B. Approval of Minutes

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

C. Financial Report and Approval of Bills

Spronk 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. Employee review

- a. Rosendahl agreed to keep the meeting open during her review. Krier presented her review stating that it was favorable. Spronk made a motion to approve the favorable review as presented. Kruisselbrink seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

E. AgBMP approval for drones

- a. Spronk made a motion to approve drones for AgBMP funding up to \$25,000.00 provided there is a hopper attachment purchased for seeding cover crops as well. Fruechte seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

F. Health Insurance Renewal Rates

- a. Health insurance premiums have increased 19% this year. Spronk made a motion to keep the employer contributions at \$650 for single and \$1075 for family. Fruechte seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

G. PFML – Paid Family Medical Leave

- a. Krier presented the PFML benefit for SWCD employees. Fruechte made a motion for the employees to pay for 50% of the premium. Spronk seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

H. RCPP Contracts

- a. Schwebach presented two RCPP Contracts. Contract #59-1-3 contracting 217.66 acres of cover crops for 3 years in the amount of \$39,178.80 and contract #59-1-4 contracting 54.19 acres of strip till/no-till for 3 years in the amount of \$4,877.10. Spronk made a motion to approve these contracts. Kruisselbrink seconded. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

I. Well Sealing

- a. Kruisselbrink made a motion to change the district policy to pay 90% cost share up to \$1,000 on certified well sealings done in Pipestone County. Fruechte seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

J. 2025 Resolutions Packet

- a. Rosendahl shared that voting for resolutions is due by November 1st. Each supervisor will submit their own votes online.

K. NACD Contribution

- a. Fruechte made a motion to contribute the platinum level to NACD of \$3,001.00. Spronk seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

Reports:

County Commissioner Report:

Nagel – Hospital operating rooms will be getting remodeled. Levy is currently 12.4% and they are working on adjusting that.

Supervisor Reports:

Folger – Nothing.

Fruechte – RCRC meeting is next Monday. November 10th is the public hearing for the Redwood River Comprehensive Management Plan.

Spronk - Attended the Area V meeting.

NRCS Report: Not present.

Administrator Report: 14 applicants for the district technician position, will start interviewing on Friday.

Adjournment:

There being no further Chaiman Folger declared the meeting adjourned at 10:30.