

- **Minutes of the Pipestone Soil and Water Conservation District Meeting**
May 8th, 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
Ken Christensen, Programs
Mike Fruechte, PR&I

Board Members Absent: None

Others Present:

Luke Johnson, Nathan Blankers, Melissa Rosendahl, Kyle Krier, Shannon Bootsma, Luke Johnson, Doug Nagel and Matt Taubert

Chairman Folger called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

A. Approve Agenda

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

B. Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Christensen, seconded by Fruechte to approve the minutes of the April 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. Kruisselbrink seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

New Business:

D. Audit

- a. Taubert shared the final findings of the 2023 audit. Spronk made a motion to accept the final audit for year 2023. Christensen seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

E. No Till Drill/Brillion Rent Update

- a. Discussion was had about how many miles out we will rent out our equipment. Suggestion was 20-mile radius and case by case decisions.

G. Approving Farmer Mentor Agreement

- a. Bootsma presented farmer mentor agreements for Jerry Houselog, Tom Griebel, Ryan Bootsma and Richard Cunningham. Fruechte made a motion to approve the agreements. Spronk seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

H. Phase II 319 Grant Approval

- a. Krier presented the 319 Grant for \$289,645.00 for the next four years. Spronk made a motion to approve. Kruisselbrink seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

Reports:

County Commissioner Report:

Johnson – Had a meeting with MPCA staff.

Nagel - County hired a new HR director.

Supervisor Reports:

Fruechte - Nothing.

Christensen – First year of strip tilling.

Kruisselbrink – Planting is done, and cover crops are being terminated.

Folger – Nothing.

Spronk – Have taken over the Area V treasurer duties.

NRCS Report: Approved a few more CSP contracts.

Manager's Report: Trees have all been planted and matted. Rural Clean up is set for the 21st of May. The County is still discussing storm water retention structures.

Adjournment:

There being no further business Chairman Folger declared the meeting adjourned at 10:00.

Cal Spronk, Secretary