* **Minutes of the Pipestone Soil and Water Conservation District Meeting**

**October 10th, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.**

**Pipestone County Government Center Southwest**

**1016 8th Ave SW Pipestone, Minnesota**

**Board Members Present:**

Ken Christensen, Chairman

Bill Folger, Vice-Chair

Brad Kruisselbrink, Secretary/Treasurer

Ian Cunningham, Programs

Cal Spronk, PR&I

**Board Members Absent:**

None

**Others Present:**

Kyle Krier, Doug Nagel, Nathan Blankers, Melissa Rosendahl, Kyle Kuphal

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

1. **Approve Agenda**

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

1. **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.

1. **Financial Report and Approval of Bills**
   1. Cunningham made a motion to file the financial reports and approve the payment of bills. Spronk seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

**New Business:**

1. **Employee Review**
   1. Rosendahl agreed to keep the meeting open during her review. Krier presented her review stating that it was favorable. Cunningham made a motion to approve the favorable review as presented. Spronk seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.
2. **Buffer Law Implementation**
   1. Krier presented the Buffer Law Implementation Grant Agreement in the amount of $20,000.00 to oversee buffer law compliance. Spronk made a motion to approve the agreement and authorize Kyle Krier to sign the agreement on behalf of SWCD Board Supervisors. Cunnigham seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

1. **Soil Health Wellhead Vouchers**
   1. Krier presented vouchers for Earl DeWilde, contract # CWF22-SH-07 in the amount of $26,055.0 ($24,490 out of 2022 Capacity/$1,565 out of Wellhead) and Kyle DeWilde, contract # CWF22-SH-13 in the amount of $11,700.00 all out of 2022 Capacity. Kruisselbrink made a motion to approve and pay these vouchers. Spronk seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.
2. **2024 Resolutions Packet**
   1. Krier shared that the resolution packets need to be completed by Nov 1st. Rosendahl will collect the board votes and submit.

**Reports:**

**County Commissioner Report:**

Nagel – Preliminary budget increase will be 7.20%

**Supervisor Reports:**

Cunningham – Updated board on Area V Meeting discussions.

Folger – Nothing.

Christensen – Harvest is going well.

Spronk – Nothing.

Kruisselbrink – Good harvest so far.

**NRCS Report:** November 15th is CSP end of batching period. January 17th is the date that all EQIP applications should be assessed and ranked by.

**Manager’s Report:** Doug Goodrich is coming tomorrow to do a grants review for the office. Health insurance rates decreased. Folger made a motion to keep the employee contributions the same for 2025. Single contribution is $650, and Family contribution is $1075.00 Cunningham seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business Chairman Christensen declared the meeting adjourned @ 9:43

Brad Kruisselbrink, Secretary