

- **Minutes of the Pipestone Soil and Water Conservation District Meeting
April 13th, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. EMS Building 811 5th Street Pipestone, Minnesota**

Board Members Present:

Cal Spronk, Chairman
Ken Christensen, Vice-Chair
Bill Folger, Secretary/Treasurer
Brad Kruisselbrink, Programs
Ian Cunningham, PR&I

Board Members Absent:

None

Others Present:

Doug Nagel, Melissa Rosendahl, Kyle Krier, Luke Johnson, Shannon Bootsma, Charis Prunty

Chairman Spronk called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

A. Approve Agenda

Note was made the date on the agenda was incorrect. Motion made by Folger to approve agenda with meeting date change to April 13th, seconded by Kruisselbrink. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

B. Approval of Minutes

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

C. Approval of Financial Report & Bills

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

New Business:

D. 2023 Soil Health Contract

- a. Krier presented a contract for Sheila Horton, contract #23-SH-01, for 120 acres of cereal rye cover crop for the next 3 years for \$14,175.00. Cunningham made a motion to approve this contract. Kruisselbrink seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

E. WIA Amendment

- a. The WIA amendment presented is for a \$2,000.00 increase for administration costs of promoting and managing the program. The original contract was for \$1,000.00/year and the amendment is for \$2,000/year making the program

payment amount of \$3,000.00/year. Folger made a motion to approve the amendment. Cunningham seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

F. Des Moines River Watershed Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan

- a. Pipestone county has a portion of land located in the Des Moines Watershed. Christensen made a motion to adopt the Des Moines River Watershed Comprehensive Plan for our county. Kruisselbrink seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

G. Redwood River 1W1P

- a. Part of Aetna county is located in the RCRCWA watershed. Cunningham made a motion to participate in the Redwood Rive One Water Shed One Plan. Kruisselbrink seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

H. Cost Share Contracts

- a. Brad Kruisselbrink, contract #23-Kruisselbrink-1, Burke section 3 to install 2 non-farmable basins with a project cost of \$26,715.70 with 75% cost share of \$20,036.78. Supervisor Kruisselbrink abstained from voting. Folger made a motion to approve this contract. Christensen seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.
- b. Dave Schulze, contract #23-Schulze-2, Grange section 25 to install a waterway with a project cost of \$7,714.30 with 75% cost share of \$5,785.73 and \$520 pre-construction cover with a total of \$6,305.73. Folger made a motion to approve this contract. Christensen seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

I. SWCD Garage Bids

- a. Krier presented the 2 bids received on the garage being built at the new location. Discussion was had to wait until a 3rd bid was received and discuss at May board meeting. No action taken.

Reports:

County Commissioner Report:

Nagel – Nothing.

Johnson - Officially wrapping up the RCRCWA dredging process. Half of the 2022 money remains for the 1W1P. Approximately \$300,000 will be put into cover crops. Will be attending meetings to discuss Hwy 23 conditions from Pipestone to Russell. The Highway 23 Coalition annual meeting will be Friday April 14th.

Supervisor Reports:

Cunningham – Nothing.

Folger – Gave new building update. Fiber optic and electrical wiring getting replaced.
New shingles are complete and carpet is getting installed soon.

Christensen – Nothing.

Spronk – Nothing.

Kruisselbrink – Shared his humanitarian trip to Tajikistan to help build a grain bin.

NRCS Report: Krier shared that Levi Campion will be transferring to an NRCS office in Webster, SD.

Manager's Report: Staff attended a technical advisory meeting last week prior to the 1W1P meeting. Working on implementing the MS4 software for 1W1P.

Discussion was had to revisit the garage bids due to the fast-rising costs of materials and availability of contractors. Cunningham made a motion to accept the bid of \$62,721 from Chris Loll Construction, LLC to build a 30 x 46 insulated garage. The declined bid was \$91,306.99 from Prairie Construction, LLC. Christensen made a motion to accept the lower bid. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

Adjournment:

There being no further business Chairman Spronk declared the meeting adjourned.

Bill Folger, Secretary