

**Minutes of the Pipestone Soil and Water Conservation District Meeting
April 12, 2018, 9:00 a.m. at the District Office Pipestone, Minnesota**

Board Members Present:

Ian Cunningham, Chairman
Cal Spronk, Vice-Chairman
Bill Folger, PR & I
Ken Christensen, Programs

Board Members Absent:

Arvin Pater, Secretary/Treasurer

Others Present:

Kyle Krier, Stephanie LaBrune, Luke Johnson, Les Nath, Jerry Purdin, Rebecca Towne, Debra Fitzgerald

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

Approve Agenda

Motion made by Folger to approve the agenda as presented, motion seconded by Spronk. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Spronk, seconded by Folger to approve the minutes of the March, 2018 Board Meeting. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

Approval of Financial Report & Bills:

LaBrune presented the March 2018 financial reports. The reports were reviewed by the board. Folger made a motion to accept the financial reports and to approve the payment of bills. Spronk seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

New Business:

- A. 2017 Financial Report
 - a) Rebecca Towne from Kinner and Co. presented the 2017 year-end financial report and findings to the board.

- B. FY 18 Easement Implementation Grant Amendment
 - a) Spronk made a motion to sign the 2018 Easement Implementation Grant Amendment and Folger seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

- C. 2018 Resolutions
 - a) Discussed.

- D. 2018 Conservation Farmer
 - a) Discussed. Agreed to discuss at the next board meeting.

- E. Biennial Budget Request
 - a) Krier reviewed what was submitted to BWSR with the board.

- F. Local Work Group Meeting Moderator
 - a) It was discussed and agreed that Chairman Cunningham would moderate the upcoming meeting.

Supervisor Reports:

Cunningham – Was recently in Washington D.C. While he was there he visited with several people and brought back information that he learned about the new Farm Bill.

Spronk – Attended a SWPTSA meeting and shared with the board how impressed he is with the work that Dawn Madison has been doing with staff trainings.

Folger – Participated in the NRCS Civil Rights review.

Christensen- Attended a 1W1P meeting yesterday and stated that the firm is planning to complete a draft of the plan by June or July.

Manager Report:

Krier – Told the board that Schwebach recently sent buffer letters to the landowners within the area of the County ditch. LaBrune is currently working on reviewing Census data of the County. Said that we are still waiting on EQIP funding to know who is eligible for other State funds. He is working with Purdin on staff development planning through NRCS. The office is finally dry after the City had the roof patched.

NRCS Report:

Purdin – Told the board that he is working with DeBeer and Moody County NRCS to co-host a field day on June 12th.

County Commissioner Report:

Nath- On Tuesday that County Board approved a Single Stream recycling contract and the replacement of one more rural recycling shed. He also talked about the former Central High school demolition procedures.

Adjournment:

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

Ken Christensen, Acting Secretary