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

**August 13th, 2020 9:00 a.m. at EMS building Pipestone, Minnesota and also via Zoom**

**Board Members Present:**

Ken Christensen, Chairman

Bill Folger, Vice-Chairman

Ian Cunningham, Secretary/Treasurer

Larry Fenicle, Programs

**Board Members Absent:** Cal Spronk, PR&I

**Others Present:**

Les Nath, Kyle Krier, Melissa Rosendahl, Kyle Kuphal via zoom

Chairman Christensen called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

1. **Approve Agenda**

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

1. **Approval of Minutes**

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

1. **Approval of Financial Report & Bills:**

Rosendahl presented the financial reports to the board. Folger made a motion to accept and file the financial reports and approve the payment of bills. Fenicle seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

**New Business:**

1. Groundwater Quality Nitrate Reduction Contracts
   1. Rosendahl presented 5 perennial vegetation vouchers. The practices have been installed per contracted and vouchers have been signed by the land owner.

Contract # Land Owner Amount Acres

0104 Keith Welgraven $5,800.00 29

0110 Troy Bouman $9,000.00 45

0114 Mike Moeller $8,000.00 40

0115 Jeremy Smidt $4,600.00 23

0116 Jeremy Smidt $2,600.00 13

The contract totals are 150 acres in the amount of $30,000.00. Cunningham made a motion to approve payment of the vouchers. Folger seconded the motion. Affirmative: All. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

* 1. Rosendahl presented a perennial vegetation contract for Doug Brands for 7 acres in the amount of $1,400.00. Cunningham made a motion to approve the contract. Folger seconded the motion. Affirmative: All. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

1. MN CREP Outreach Grant Agreement
   1. Krier presented the MN CREP Outreach Grant Agreement which is for 2 fiscal years and grants $35,464.00 per year. This grant will be for Nicole’s hours that she submits and the SWCD gets reimbursed for. Fenicle made a motion to approve the agreement. Cunningham seconded the motion. Affirmative: All. Oppose: none. Motion carried.
2. Cost Share Contracts
   1. Krier presented a canceled cost share contract for Eugene Raack, contract #Raack6-20 for $9,991.00 that will now be paid by the 1W1P program. Folger made a motion to approve the cancelation of the contract. Fenicle seconded the motion. Affirmative: All. Oppose: none. Motion carried.
   2. Krier presented a new contract for Daryl Fiske, contract #Fikse7-20 in the amount $9,206.50 which will be paid out of the 2020 Capacity and the remaining $25,551.50 of the project will be paid with EQIP funds. The project is to put in 4 basins. Folger made a motion to approve the contract. Fenicle seconded the motion. Affirmative: All. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

**County Commissioner Report:**

Nath reported there are currently 2021 budget meetings being held. The county received CARES Act funds for the coronavirus pandemic.

**Supervisor Reports:**

Ian –The MASWCD annual convention in December of 2020 will be virtual. Noted that there is a video recently made at his farm by DeBeer and Evers discussing summer grazing for addition resting of perennial pasture.

Christensen – Nothing to report.

Fenicle – Attended the RCRCA meeting last week.

Folger – Nothing to report.

**Manager’s Report:**  Will the budget to the county at the September 1, 2020 meeting. Sent out 3 buffer compliance letters. Met with the Department of Health and Ag to discuss the 319 and 1W1P programs and how it will interact within the wellhead areas. Approved for the 319 funding of $284,250.00 which is a 4-year grant.

**NRCS Report:** Nothing to report.

**Adjournment:**

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

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Ian Cunningham, Secretary