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

**August 12th, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. at EMS Building Pipestone, Minnesota**

**Board Members Present:**

Bill Folger, Chairman

Ian Cunningham, Vice-Chairman

Larry Fenicle, Secretary/Treasurer

Cal Spronk, Programs

Ken Christensen, PR&I

**Board Members Absent:**

None

**Others Present:**

Les Nath, Luke Johnson, Kyle Krier, Melissa Rosendahl, Cheryl Heard

Chairman Folger called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

1. **Approve Agenda**

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

1. **Approval of Minutes**

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

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

Christensen 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. **Tree Cooler**
   1. Krier presented a bid from Hill Refrigeration and Dan’s Refrigeration, LLC to replace the tree cooling unit as well as a quote on fixing the current system which is approximately 40 years old. See attached bid sheets. The recommendation by both companies, due to the old age and current system using out dated refrigerant, would be to replace it. Spronk made a motion to accept the lower bid from Dan’s Refrigeration, LLC in the amount of $9,314.00 contingent that this bid is still valid and the warranty will be 1 year. Cunningham seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.
2. **CREP application/easement haying plans**
   1. Krier informed the board that a CREP application for 1.92 acres will be cancelled due to an existing easement that the wind company has and the costs associated with amending that easement. Schwebach is currently working on another CREP application that is 24.12 acres that also will involve a wind company easement.
3. **Clean Water Grant**
   1. Krier informed the board that there may be an opportunity to apply for a grant that will include an incentive for land in the wellhead area and is looking for ideas.
4. **Cost Share Contracts**
   1. Krier presented cost share contract #Veen6 -20 for a waterway with tile for Kyle Veen in the amount of $9,090.00, with $7,029.58 paid out of 2020 Cost Share and $2,060.69 paid out of 2019 Capacity.
   2. The second contract is a cancellation for Tom Shane, contract #Shane5-21 in the amount of $13,341.00 for a waterway. The addition of basins in a neighboring field will eliminate the need for the waterway.
   3. The last contract was an amendment for Barb Sietsema, contract # Sietsema5-21 to amend the amount from $46,596.00 to $53,385.75 to add a basin and remove a waterway. Additional funds will come from the cancellation of Tom Shane’s contract. $35,629.90 will be paid from 2020 Capacity, $5,668.82 from 2020 Cost Share and $12,087.03 from 2021 Capacity.

Cunningham made a motion to accept the new contract, cancellation and amendment. Spronk seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

**County Commissioner Report:**

Nath – 2022 budget talks have started. The county auditor has resigned.

Johnson – Lake Redwood dredging project will hopefully be started by the end of the year. Testified in front of the Environmental Quality Board in regards to the greenhouse gas emissions. Will be attending a strategic planning meeting for the AMC next week.

**Supervisor Reports:**

Cunningham – Attended the We Are Water kickoff event. Noted there is an Ag & Water Bus Tour Saturday August 14th at 8:00 and 10:00 leaving from the library to tour Newalta Dairy.

Christensen – Nothing.

Spronk – Nothing.

Fenicle – Attended the RCRCA virtually.

Folger – Nothing.

**NRCS Report:** EQIP funding for 2021 is done and now are accepting applications for 2022. CRP grazing has opened up due to the drought. CSP renewals in Pipestone county all screened high on the applications.

**Manager’s Report:**  SRAM tour will be on Thursday August 26th, from 9-12 at the EMS building. The county tire collection event will be held Monday August 30th from 7-1 at the Fairgrounds. The Clean Water Council will be coming to MN September 12-13 and will be meeting in Worthington. They would like Pipestone SWCD to do a presentation and tour. Air testing has been done in the SWCD office recently and we are awaiting the results.

**Adjournment:**

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

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Larry Fenicle, Secretary