

- **Minutes of the Pipestone Soil and Water Conservation District Meeting
August 10th, 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:

Melissa Rosendahl, Kyle Krier, Doug Nagel, Luke Johnson

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

A. Approve Agenda

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

B. Approval of Minutes

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

C. Financial Report and Approval of Bills

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

New Business:

D. Conservationist of the year 2023

- a. Kruisselbrink nominated Eugene Halbur for the 2023 Conservationist of the year. Cunningham seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

G. Policy addition

- b. Krier presented a policy addition stating the Pipestone SWCD Board accepts installation certification for non-structural practices and authorizes the manager to sign off on practice certification. Cunningham made a motion to approve the addition. Christensen seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

F. Soil Health Wellhead Vouchers

- a. Krier presented 6 payment vouchers for the Soil Health Wellhead Grant:
- i. Jeremy VanEssen contract #CWF22-SH-04, Osborne section 21 in the amount of \$12,540.00.
 - ii. Robert Vanorny contract #CWF22-SH-05, Osborne section 21 in the amount of \$12,210.00.
 - iii. Chad Borman contract #CWF22-SH-09, Fountain Prairie section 23 in the amount of \$50,000.00.
 - iv. Steve Werner contract #CWF22-SH-10, Altona section 36 in the amount of \$3,500.00.
 - v. Chris Schulze contract #CWF22-SH-15, Fountain Prairie section 12 in the amount of \$14,970.00.
 - vi. Todd Vis contract #CWF22-SH-17, Troy section 1 in the amount of \$22,890.00.

Christensen made a motion to approve and pay these payment vouchers. Cunningham seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

Reports:

County Commissioner Report:

Nagel: Possibility for more wind towers in NE part of county and a transmission line from Xcel getting closer also.

Johnson – Updated on the greenhouse gas component in MN.

Supervisor Reports:

Cunningham – Gave an update on a recent soil health tour he took at Menoken Farms in North Dakota.

Spronk – Attended the soybean growers meeting.

Christensen – Nothing.

Kruisselbrink – Nothing.

Folger – Nothing.

NRCS Report: Due to drought CRP has opened to hay or graze.

Manager's Report: Gave a building update with the proposal of concreting the parking lot. Cunningham made a motion to have the executive committee and Kyle Krier work together to move on with parking lot project with costs not to exceed \$125,000.00. Folger seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried. Shared the idea of hiring another technician to promote practices in the county. Cunningham made a motion to have the executive committee draft a job description and pursue the hiring of another technician. Folger seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

Adjournment:

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

Bill Folger, Secretary