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

**December 10th, 2020 9:00 a.m. via Zoom**

**Board Members Present:**

Bill Folger, Vice-Chairman

Cal Spronk, PR&I

Ian Cunningham, Secretary/Treasurer

Larry Fenicle, Programs

**Board Members Absent:**

Ken Christensen, Chairman

**Others Present:**

Kyle Krier, Melissa Rosendahl, Kyle Kuphal, Les Nath, Luke Johnson, Nicole Schwebach, Lance Wheeler, Levi Campion

Vice-Chairman Folger called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

1. **Approve Agenda**

Motion made by Fenicle, 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 Fenicle to approve the minutes of the November board meeting with changes. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

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

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

**New Business:**

**County Commissioner Report:**

Johnson – Industry day for the dredging of Lake Redwood is Dec 10th. County approved a 1%

levy increase.

1. Cost Share Contracts
   1. Wheeler presented an amendment for Daryl Fiske, contract # Fikse7-20 in the amount of $9,206.50 amended to $11,375.71 which will get the project 75% funded and it will also be funded through EQIP to build basins. There are additional funds from 2019 Capacity available for this project. Cunningham made a motion to approve the amendment. Fenicle seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.
   2. Wheeler presented the voucher to pay Daryl Fiske’s contract # Fikse7-20 in the amount of $11,375.71. Cunningham made a motion to approve payment of the voucher. Fenicle seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.
   3. Wheeler presented a voucher for Mark Lorang, contract #Lorang6-18 in the amount of $59,352.86 for basins and a waterway. $54,051.00 will come from the 2014 Flood Relief Fund, $2,445.12 from 2019 Capacity and $2,856.74 from 2019 State Cost Share. Fenicle made a motion to approve payment of the voucher. Cunningham seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

E/F. Tractor rental for 2021/Drill seeder report

a. Schwebach informed the board that the drills together went out a total of 75 times and seeded a total of 610 acres for 2020. Trevor seeded 9 of those acres. Schwebach shared that both Titan and John Deere have offered a no cost lease option to the SWCD. Spronk made a motion to lease a tractor again for 2021. Fenicle seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

G. MDA Groundwater Protection Rule Workplan and Grant Agreement Signature

a. Krier presented the final agreement to manage the nitrates in the wellhead areas. Cunningham made motion to approve entering into this agreement. Spronk seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

H. Pipestone SWCD Memorandum of Agreement with NRCS/USDA

a. Spronk made a motion to sign and enter into the MOA. Cunningham seconded the motion.

Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

**County Commissioner Report:**

Nath - nothing

**Supervisor Reports:**

Cunningham – attended the MASWCD virtual annual convention

Folger – attended the MASWCD virtual annual convention. Participating in an Izaak Walton sample group to test local streams for sodium chloride levels.

Fenicle – attended the MASWCD virtual annual convention

Spronk - attended the MASWCD virtual annual convention

**NRCS Report:**

Taking new EQIP applications. 40 EQIP applications for FY2021. First round of signup is over. Second round of applications deadline is March 5th. Currently taking CSP

applications. 10 CSP applications for FY2021 so far. No 2021 renewal applications. No

sign up deadline for 2021. Continuous CRP sign up is ongoing. General sign up is Jan 4-Feb 12. Grasslands is March 15-April 23rd. Wetland N/HEL Compliance – back log of

tiling requests. There are 2 new wetland biologists in Marshall. Staffing update –

Maggie Syversen is the new Soil Conservationist in Slayton but will assist in Pipestone as

well. Nancy Sauder is an ACES employee who also assists in the Slayton and Pipestone

offices. Soil Con Technician in Pipestone should be picked shortly. Rangeland

Conservationist in Rock County should also be picked shortly and will also be able to

assist Pipestone producers with grazing.

**Administrator’s Report:**  Pay equity report is due soon. Will be doing a buffer follow up with a letter. E link reporting is underway. A lot of waterway and ditch cleanout requests

coming in.

**Adjournment:**

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

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Ian Cunningham, Secretary