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

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

**Board Members Present:**

Bill Folger, Chairman

Ian Cunningham, Vice-Chairman

Cal Spronk, Programs

Ken Christensen, PR&I

**Board Members Absent:**

Larry Fenicle, Secretary/Treasurer (deceased 11-20-21)

**Others Present:**

Les Nath, Luke Johnson, Melissa Rosendahl, Lance Wheeler, Kyle Kuphal, Kyle Krier,

Dylan Bartels, Nicole Schwebach

Chairman Folger called the meeting to order at 9:12 a.m.

1. **Approve Agenda**

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

1. **Approval of Minutes**

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

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

Cunningham 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. **Cost Share Contracts**
   1. Two amendments presented by Wheeler: Richard Kas, contract #Kas5-21 for $23,998.10 amended to $26,784.72 due to the increasing cost of tile as well as a change from a waterway to a nonfarmable basin. Brad Kruisselbrink, contract #Kruisslebrink5-21 for $53,483.17 amended to $61,976.89 due to changing 3 non-farmable basins to farmable basins. Cunningham made a motion to approve these 2 amendments. Spronk seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.
   2. Three payment vouchers presented by Wheeler: First voucher for Richard Kas, contract #Kas5-21 in the amount of $26,784.72 with $24,020.54 from 2020 Capacity and $2,764.18 from 2021 Capacity. Second voucher for Brad Kruisselbrink, contract #Kruisslebrink5-21 in the amount of $61,976.89 with $691.26 from 2020 Cost Share and $8,123.63 from 2021 Cost Share and $53,162.00 from 2021 Capacity. Third voucher for Barbara Sietsema, contract #Sietsema5-21 in the amount of $43,607.46 with $3,000.00 from 2019 Capacity and $40,607.46 from 2020 Capacity. Spronk made a motion to approve these payment vouchers. Cunningham seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.
2. **Supervisor Appointment**
   1. With the passing of District 5 supervisor Larry Fenicle it was discussed the need to appoint a candidate to fill this position until the term ending December 2022. Motion made by Cunningham to run a paper ad and mail post cards out to the 3 affected townships (Aetna, Rock, Burke) with an application deadline of January 10th, 2022. Spronk seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.
3. **Joint Powers Agreement with MDA**
   1. Krier presented the State of Minnesota Joint Powers Agreement for $140,00.00 to provide contracts between the Pipestone SWCD and producers. The producer will provide data for land with and without a cover crop. Spronk made a motion to enter into the agreement. Cunningham seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.
4. **Drill Discussion**
   1. Schwebach presented the proposal to either do the necessary repairs on the no till drill or trade it in and purchase a new one. It will cost approximately $4,000 to fix the drill the district has used for 7 seasons now or it will cost approximately $19,000.00 to replace it with a new drill. Discussed was also adding on the features of a folding hitch for $650 and an agitator for $750. Spronk made a motion to purchase a new drill with the agitator and folding hitch while trading in the old drill. Cunningham seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.
5. **Approval of 2022 Budget**
   1. Krier presented the 2022 budget. Cunningham made a motion to approve the 2022 budget. Spronk seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

**County Commissioner Report:**

Nath – nothing.

Johnson – Met with Bill Weber and Joe Schomaker at the annual meeting of township officers last week. The last permit has been signed for the Redwood dredging project. Southwest mental health building is still a topic of discussion in regards to what to do with the building.

**Supervisor Reports:**

Cunningham – Just returned from DC with information on the Build Back Better Plan that will introduce 1.75 trillion dollars and a portion of that will be used for farm conservation practices. Can still get the early bird discount up to December 10th for the NACD national convention in Florida in 2022.

Christensen – Nothing.

Spronk – Nothing.

Folger – Nothing.

**NRCS Report:** Ranking of CSP application was recently done and our area received 1.8 million. EQIP deadline was Nov 19 and they will start ranking them in March.

**Manager’s Report:** Recently attended the annual township officers meeting and discussed cover crops and staff introductions. Currently the tree cooler is getting installed. There will be 3 staff attending the MASWCD convention and the Pipestone SWCD had donated 2 Runnings gift cards for the silent auction being held there.

**Adjournment:**

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

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Ian Cunningham, Vice-Chairman