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

**February 13th, 2020 9:00 a.m. at the District Office Pipestone, Minnesota**

**Board Members Present:**

Ken Christensen, Chairman

Larry Fenicle, Programs

Cal Spronk, PR&I

**Board Members Absent:** Ian Cunningham, Secretary/Treasurer and Bill Folger, Vice-Chairman

**Others Present:**

Luke Johnson, Les Nath, Kyle Krier, Melissa Rosendahl

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

1. **Approve Agenda**

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

1. **Approval of Minutes**

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

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

Krier presented the monthly financial reports and bills. The reports were reviewed by the board. Fenicle made a motion to accept and file the financial reports and approve the payment of bills. Spronk seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

**New Business:**

1. Wellhead Clean Water Update
   1. DeBeer reported we received a clean water grant in the amount of $299,520.00 with a 3-year expiration date of December 31st, 2022. There will be contracts developed in the future with producers who have land that is in highly vulnerable areas of the wellhead protection zone.
2. Wellhead Clean Water Policy
   1. DeBeer informed the board there is currently no policy for this grant and that is in the process of being developed. Spronk made a motion to accept this grant and wait on the policy to be finalized. Fenicle seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.
3. Clean Water Fund Competitive Grant Agreement
   1. DeBeer suggested we pursue this grant in order to test some of the 300+ private wells in Pipestone county. There have been some arsenic concerns that the tests would be helpful in determining these levels. Spronk made a motion we pursue this grant. Fenicle seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.
4. Resolution to extend Pipestone County Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan
   1. Krier informed the board our current water plan expires in December of 2020. He suggested we extend the plan for 5 more years until the One Watershed One Plan takes over. Spronk made a motion to extend plan. Fenicle seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

1. Employee Review
   1. Danielle Evers
      1. Evers is currently out of the office but did agree to keep the meeting open during her review. Krier presented Danielle’s review to the board stating that her review was favorable and suggested to the board that she receive a step increase as of 2/8/2020. Fenicle made a motion to approve the favorable review as presented with a step increase retroactive to February 8th 2020. Spronk seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

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1. Vehicle Quotes
   1. Krier presented the quotes for a new district vehicle to the board. Dahl Motors would give a trade in value of $6,000.00 for the Taurus. Papik quoted the trade in value at $5,500.00. There was discussion on the new vehicle quotes from Papik and Dahl motors in regards to purchasing a GMC Terrain at both establishments. Papik quoted $21,800 for the standard package after discounts. Dahl Motors quoted $24,700 with the drive convenience package after discounts. It was noted that approximately 60% of the miles put on this vehicle are refunded. Fenicle made a motion to approve the purchase from Dahl Motors. Spronk seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

**County Commissioner Report:**

Johnson shared that he attended the RCRCA meeting and Area II meeting recently. There was discussion on the dredging project and the attempt to purchase land for that. Johnson also noted the solid waste has more requirements for SCORE reporting.

Nath updated on the old school site that they have hired architects to develop the site. There is a need for vehicle and records storage that will need to be addressed.

**Supervisor Reports:**

Spronk- Attended the SW Prairie TSA meeting. They elected the existing officers for another term. There are a lot of projects going on and in order to get technicians hired they will be increasing wages to attract them.

Christensen –Attended the 1W1P meeting and noted there will be money coming into Pipestone county for this.

Fenicle – Attended the RCRCA meeting. Made comment that there needs to be more attention from the DNR to build more water retention areas.

**Supervisors Report:** Krier updated the board that BWSR will be doing a PRAP assessment here at the office in March. There was also discussion about hosting the Area V meeting here in Pipestone in June.

**NRCS Report:** Sheik shared with the board that the NRCS is currently hiring in Nobles county. March 13th is the deadline for EQIP, May12th is the deadline for CSP and the CRP general sign up is happening right now. The annual LWG meeting will be held in March during the regular board meeting.

**Adjournment:**

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

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Ian Cunningham, Secretary