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

 **February 11th 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, Kyle Kuphal (via zoom), Danielle Evers, Nicole Schwebach, Matt Taubert (via zoom)

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

1. **Approve Agenda**

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

 **D**. **SWCD Audit Review – Matt Taubert**

Taubert reviewed the findings of the 2019 financial audit of the Pipestone SWCD. Cunningham made a motion to accept and approve the final audit. Spronk seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

1. **Approval of Minutes**

Motion made by Fenicle, seconded by Christensen to approve the minutes of the January board meeting. 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. **Employee Reviews: Danielle Evers**
	1. Evers agreed to keep the meeting open during her review. Krier stated Evers review was favorable and suggested to the board that she receive a step increase as of 2/8/21. Cunningham made a motion to approve the review with step increase. Christensen seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.
2. **SSTS Grant Program Income Limits**
	1. Rosendahl presented the low and very low-income limits chart that the USDA Rural Development creates annually. When considering qualifications for the MPCA SSTS low income fix-up grant this chart has been used and recently income limits for this chart have changed. The new proposal would be to use the base 2019 USDA Rural Development income limits and add a 2% cost of living adjustment annually. Cunningham made a motion to approve the new chart using a 2% annual cost of living adjustment. Spronk seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.
3. **SRAM Program Policy Discussion**
	1. Schwebach presented a draft of the SRAM project application, map and contract. Schwebach is planning to take applications starting this spring.

**County Commissioner Report:**

Johnson – Became chairman of the RCRCA. Shared the MPCA is considering adopting

 an emissions standards similar to California’s. The MPCA is currently looking for public

 comments in regards to the emissions.

 Nath – nothing

**Supervisor Reports:**

Cunningham – Attended the 2021 virtual NACD conference. Was elected as Second Vice President of the NACD.

Christensen – nothing

Fenicle – attended the RCRCA meeting. Shared some information on some virtual sessions that the Land Stewardship Project is hosting.

Spronk – nothing

Folger – nothing

**Manager’s Report:**  Staff are completing the computer cyberwar and work safety trainings. New radio spots have been done. The office has been working with Dawn on JAA.

 **Adjournment:**

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

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Larry Fenicle, Secretary