

**Minutes of the Pipestone Soil and Water Conservation District Meeting
July 12, 2018, 9:00 a.m. at the District Office Pipestone, Minnesota**

Board Members Present:

Ian Cunningham, Chairman
Cal Spronk, Vice-Chairman
Ken Christensen, Programs
Arvin Pater, Secretary/Treasurer

Board Members Absent:

Bill Folger, PR & I

Others Present:

Kyle Krier, Stephanie LaBrune, Luke Johnson, Jerry Purdin, Adam Ossefoort, Debra Fitzgerald

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

Approve Agenda

Motion made by Spronk to approve the agenda as presented with the change of moving item C. and D. to the beginning of the agenda. The motion seconded by Christensen.

Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

New Business:

C. Adam's Review

a) Krier presented the review and suggested to the board that Ossefoort receive a step increase retroactive to his anniversary date of June 19th. Pater made a motion to accept the review as presented and Christensen seconded the motion.

Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

D. Cost-Share Contract

a) Lorang - Christensen made a motion to enter into a contract with Lorang to complete a waterway/basin project in the amount of \$57,119.24 NTE 75% of the total project cost of \$76,158.98. The funds will come from 2017 State Cost-Share and 2014 Flood 3 dollars. Spronk seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Pater, seconded by Christensen to approve the minutes of the May, 2018 Board Meeting. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

Approval of Financial Report & Bills:

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

New Business:

- A. 2019 Budget
 - a) Discussion was held. Pater made a motion to approve the draft 2019 operating budget with the addition of \$5,000 that would be dedicated to a Vehicle Depreciation Expense account. Christensen seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

- B. SWPTSA Contract
 - a) Krier presented a contract from the SWPTSA that would continue the district's ability to utilize the SWPTSA's technician Ben from January 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019. Spronk made a motion to sign the agreement, Pater seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

Reports:

Pater – Nothing.

Spronk- Area V Meeting, Soil Health tour.

Christensen- Soil Health Tour.

Cunningham- Area V Meeting, Soil Health tour, also gave Farm Bill updates.

Krier- Area Buffer meeting. Also requested the board's approval on an AG BMP loan application for a 100x100 ft. commodity shed for a producer to eliminate runoff from current concrete feed storage slab. Spronk made a motion to approve the Ag BMP loan for up to \$200,000 for a commodity shed with the condition that the feedlot is in compliance and that all loose commodities remain covered by the commodity shed. Pater seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

Purdin- Report handed out

Johnson- Area II will be doing dam inspections. 1W1P draft plan is set to come out prior to the August board meeting. The cost estimates to demo the old high school should be known by late August. Luke also was one of 16 to be recognized for achieving advanced board certification with Avera.

Adjournment:

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

Arvin Pater, Secretary