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

**July 9th, 2020 9:00 a.m. at EMS building Pipestone, Minnesota and also via Zoom**

**Board Members Present:**

Ken Christensen, Chairman

Bill Folger, Vice-Chairman (present via zoom)

Ian Cunningham, Secretary/Treasurer

Larry Fenicle, Programs

Cal Spronk, PR&I

**Board Members Absent:** None

**Others Present:**

Luke Johnson, Les Nath, Kyle Krier, Melissa Rosendahl, Kyle Kuphal, Laura DeBeer

Chairman Christensen called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

1. **Approve Agenda**

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

1. **Approval of Minutes**

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

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

Rosendahl presented the financial reports to the board. Jenny from Kinner and Company was recently at the office for some Quickbooks clean up and training. Cunningham made a motion to accept and file the financial reports and approve the payment of bills. Folger seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

**New Business:**

1. Groundwater Quality Nitrate Reduction Contracts
   1. DeBeer presented 9 perennial vegetation contracts. The practices have been installed per contracted and vouchers have been signed by the land owner.

Contract # Land Owner Amount Acres

0101 Todd Alderson $6,084.00 84

0102 Todd Alderson $3,000.00 15

0103 Chris Schulze $35,000.00 175

0105 Scott Alderson $8,000.00 40

0108 Dave Schulze $9,400.00 47

0109 Cary Alderson $8,000.00 40

0111 Dave Scotting $10,800.00 54

0112 Matt Brinkmeyer $32,800.00 164

0113 Matt Brinkmeyer $11,000.00 55

The contract totals are 674 acres and $124,084.00. Cunningham made a motion to approve payment of the contracts. Spronk seconded the motion. Affirmative: All. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

1. 2021 Budget and Grant Summary
   1. Krier presented a grant summary to the board detailing the origination, term, allocation and amounts of the grants the Pipestone SWCD receives. Krier also presented the proposed 2021 budget numbers. Discussion was had on the changes made. Cunningham made a motion to accept the preliminary 2021 budget with a $20,000.00 decrease from the County’s General Allocation Fund for 2021. Spronk seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

**County Commissioner Report:**

Nath reported that the courthouse is open by appointment only again. The doctors at the hospitals are seeing 2 patients an hour.

Johnson attended the RCRCA meeting were the initial dewatering bid for the Lake Redwood Dredging Project came back in at just under 1 million dollars. The 1W1P meeting will not be held until August.

**Supervisor Reports:**

Ian –nothing

Spronk- nothing

Christensen – nothing

Fenicle – Attended the RCRCA meeting and shared the bid memorandum with the board for the Lake Redwood Dredging Project.

Folger – Nothing to report.

**Manager’s Report:**  Put a request in for CREP assistance for the next 2 years of funding. Requested more funds for the low-income septic grants. All of the 2018 funds have been allocated. Jer’s electric switched out tree shed and HHW building lights which were going bad about every other year with Led bulbs with a 10-year warranty. The RFP for the new grant round of 319 funds is open until July 17th. We have completed the application to receive $280,000.00 in grant money. Staff computers will be replaced soon. There has been $8,000.00 budgeted for this. The 2021 budget for the county is due July 15th. The office is still open and helping producers just taking precautions due to the Covid.

**NRCS Report:** Rock and Pipestone offices are closed pending a Covid test on an employee.

**Adjournment:**

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

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Ian Cunningham, Secretary