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

**July 8th 9:00 a.m. at EMS Building Pipestone, Minnesota**

**Board Members Present:**

Ian Cunningham, Vice-Chairman

Larry Fenicle, Secretary/Treasurer

Cal Spronk, Programs

Ken Christensen, PR&I

**Board Members Absent:**

Bill Folger, Chairman

**Others Present:**

Les Nath, Kyle Krier, Melissa Rosendahl, Levi Campion, Maggie Syversen, Laura DeBeer, Nicole Schwebach

Vice-Chairman Cunningham called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

1. **Approve Agenda**

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

1. **Approval of Minutes**

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

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

Christensen made a motion to file the financial reports and approve the payment of bills. Fenicle seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

**New Business:**

1. **DNR Well Contract**
   1. DeBeer presented a DNR well observation contract for $1200 to read well levels and temperatures. Spronk made a motion to sign into the contract. Fenicle seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.
2. **2021 Pipestone County Fair Booth**
   1. Rosendahl presented the 2021 Pipestone County Fair booth/space rental agreement. Pipestone SWCD will have an equipment display at the fair and a banner made to display with it.
3. **Supervisor Per Diem**
   1. Krier informed the board the policy provisions regarding supervisor’s per diem has been approved to increase from $75 per day to $125 per day beginning August 1st, 2021. Spronk made a motion to approve changing the per diem from $75 - $125. For lack of second motion discussion continued. Fenicle made a motion to change the all-day/out of town meeting per diem to $125.00 and keeping the local board meeting per diem at $50.00 Spronk seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.
4. **Cost Share Contract Amendment**
   1. DeBeer presented a cost share contract amendment for Darrell Amoth, contract #01-22 to amend from 8-1-21 to 8-1-22 due to Darrell not getting the ground planted. No change to the amount just the date. Spronk made a motion to approve the amendment. Christensen seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.
5. **Conservationist of the Year 2021**
   1. Krier informed the board the nomination for the Pipestone Conservationist of the year for 2021 is due in September. Fenicle made a motion to nominate Mike Freuchte. Spronk seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.
6. **Tree Cooler Update**
   1. Schwebach shared that the tree cooler is still leaking and explained the options we had as far as either replacing the unit or fixing the leaks. Fenicle made a motion to get 2 quotes on replacing or fixing the unit and bringing the issue back to the board in August. Spronk seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

**County Commissioner Report:**

Nath – Sidewalk at courthouse has been redone. Will start budget negotiations this month for 2022.

**Supervisor Reports:**

Cunningham – Noted that the Area V meeting had some good information on the 319

grant and cost share ideas.

Christensen – Nothing.

Spronk – Thanked everyone involved in putting together the Area V meeting held in

Pipestone.

Fenicle – Shared that recently a bill was created to build water storage basins to prevent flooding and will be compensating land owners for it.

**NRCS Report:** Shared the top 5 resource concerns that were brought up at the Local Work

Group Meeting for Farmstead, Pasture and Cropland.

**Manager’s Report:**  There is a proposed new lidar flight for next spring. Budget is due next

Week. Busy with septic systems. Planning for a SRAM tour in August.

**Adjournment:**

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

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Larry Fenicle, Secretary