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

**August 11th, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. EMS Building 811 5th Street Pipestone, Minnesota**

**Board Members Present:**

Ian Cunningham, Chairman

Cal Spronk, Vice-Chair

Bill Folger, Programs

Brad Kruisselbrink, PR & I

**Board Members Absent:**

Ken Christensen, Secretary / Treasurer

**Others Present:**

Luke Johnson, Les Nath, Levi Campion, Melissa Rosendahl, Kyle Krier, Nicole Schwebach

Chairman Cunningham called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

1. **Approve Agenda**

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

1. **Approval of Minutes**

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

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

Folger 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. **Conservationist of the year 2022**
   1. Discussion was had on who to nominate for the 2022 Conservationist of the Year award for Pipestone County. Spronk made a motion to nominate Mike and Allen Hachmann, seconded by Kruisselbrink. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none.
2. **SRAM Contracts**
   1. Schwebach presented a contract for Wayne Desplinter, contract # SRAM\_1, in Eden township section 28 to enroll 16.1 acres into the SRAM program. The payment per acre is $80 for 10 years for a total of $12,880.00. Included in the contract is also a livestock crossing project cost of $1,309.20 with a 75% cost share amount of $981.90. The total contract amount is $13,861.90. Folger made a motion to approve this contract. Motion seconded by Spronk. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.
   2. The second contract Schwebach presented is for Jeff DeBates, contract # SRAM\_2, in Eden township section 32 to enroll 23.7 acres into the SRAM program. The payment per acre is $80 for 10 years for a total of $18,960.00. Included in the contract is also an interior fencing system of approximately $8,000.00 and watering system of $10,115.00. Partnering with EQIP there will be a 90% cost share amount equaling approximately $16,303.50, EQIP will pay approximately $10,487.22 leaving a 10% match of approximately $1,811.50 for the land owner to pay and $5,816.28 for the grant. The total contract amount is $24,776.28. Folger made a motion to approve this contract. Motion seconded by Kruisselbrink. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none.

**County Commissioner Report:**

Nath - Noted the new parking lot at the EMS building. Started budget discussions on Tuesday. Primaries were held last Tuesday.

Johnson – Dredging project over half way done, they are currently working 7 days a week.

**Supervisor Reports:**

Cunningham – Attended the NACD summer meeting in Puerto Rico. Attended the Hybrid Rye Field Day. Spoke at Farm Fest about the must haves on the next farm bill.

Folger – Nothing.

Kruisselbrink – Nothing.

Spronk: Hybrid Rye Field Day was well attended yesterday.

**NRCS Report:**  NRCS vehicles are getting card readers to track government vehicles. Hiring a new soil tech conservationist for the Pipestone office.

**Manager’s Report:** No new update on the SW Mental Health Building. Planning to have building plans drawn up soon. Building will also house the ACE position. Ken Christensen is working on trailer estimate yet. The tree planter was displayed at the fair this year. Applied for another $40,000 in septic grant funds. Presented the budget to the county board.

**Adjournment:**

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

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Ken Christensen, Secretary