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

**June 11th, 2020 9:00 a.m. via Zoom**

**Board Members Present:**

Ken Christensen, Chairman

Bill Folger, Vice-Chairman

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, Lance Wheeler, Nicole Schwebach

Chairman Christensen called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

1. **Approve Agenda**

Motion made by Folger, seconded by Cunningham 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 May board meeting. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

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

Krier presented the monthly financial reports and bills. Krier gave an overview on the grant money and Rosendahl updated the board on tree sales/drill rent income. Cunningham made a motion to accept and file the financial reports and approve the payment of bills. Spronk seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

**New Business:**

1. Groundwater Quality Nitrate Reduction Contracts
   1. DeBeer presented a 50-acre cover crop contract for Ken Christensen in the amount of $6,000.00. Spronk made a motion to approve the contract. Cunningham seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.
2. Cost Share Contracts and Amendments
   1. Wheeler presented 3 cost share contracts and an amendment all for grass waterways.
      1. The first contract presented was for Cal Brouwer contract # Brouwer6-20, in the amount of $22,590.00. The contract is for 75% cost share not to exceed $18,322.50 all from the 2019 Capacity Fund. This total is the 75% cost share amount of $16,942.50 and $1,380.00 from the 13.8 acres of conservation use program.
      2. The second contract presented was for Eugene Raak, contract # Raak6-20, in the amount of $9,321.60. The contract is for 75% cost share not to exceed $6,991.20. $1,413.19 will be funded from 2019 Capacity and $5,578.01 will be funded from the 2020 Cost Share Funds.
      3. The third contract presented was for Kyle Veen, contract # Veen6-20, in the amount of $13,536.00. The contract is for 75% cost share not to exceed $10,152.00. $7,120.39 will be funded from 2020 cost share and $3,031.61 will be funded from the 2020 Capacity.
      4. The proposed amendment was for Mark Lorang, contract #Lorang6-18, with the added amount of $9,000.00 due to the rising costs of the project. The original amount was $57,119.24 and will be amended not to exceed $66,172.05. This will be paid with $54,051.00 of the 2014 Flood Relief, $9,264.31 of the 2019 Capacity and $2,856.74 of the 2019 Cost Share funds.

Spronk made a motion to approve the contracts and amendment. Fenicle seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

1. Wheeler and Schwebach updated the board on project lists for the year. There are about 20 projects to prioritize. The 1W1P will soon be funding projects.

**County Commissioner Report:**

Nath reported that the courthouse and hospital are slowly opening back up.

Johnson attended the RCRCA meeting where the discussion was had on getting bids for the Lake Redwood dredging project. The ditch committee also met and agreed to clean out the ditch between the bridge located by the campground and the bridge on North Hiawatha Ave.

**Supervisor Reports:**

Ian –Looking forward to opening meetings back up again.

Spronk- Attended the TSA meeting and discussed that the new technician Jake Harrison is approaching his 6-month review. Lincoln Soil and Water made a $4,000.00 donation to the TSA. The money was from a wind tower company that worked with the SWCD office.

Christensen – Waiting to meet with the work group for the 1W1P.

Fenicle – Attended the RCRCA meeting via zoom. Next meeting will be in person.

Folger – Nothing to report.

**Manager’s Report:**  Shared that the county is going through the reopening process. The Pipestone SWCD office has been taking turns working remotely and having the office open. Tree planting and matting is done for the year. Working on the 2021 budget and busy with septic systems being put in.

**NRCS Report:** Nothing

**Adjournment:**

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

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Ian Cunningham, Secretary