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

**March 11th 9:00 a.m. at EMS building Pipestone, Minnesota**

**Board Members Present:**

Bill Folger, Chairman

Ian Cunningham, Vice-Chairman

Larry Fenicle, Secretary/Treasurer

Cal Spronk, Programs

Ken Christensen, PR&I

**Board Members Absent:**

None

**Others Present:**

Les Nath, Luke Johnson, Kyle Krier, Melissa Rosendahl, Kyle Kuphal, Nicole Schwebach, Laura DeBeer, Levi Campion, Cheryl Heard, Dylan Bartels (via zoom), Maggie Syversen

Chairman Folger called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

1. **Approve Agenda**

Motion made by Christensen, 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 Fenicle to approve the minutes of the February 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. Cunningham seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

**New Business:**

1. **319 Grant Policy Review**
   1. Schwebach presented a draft of the Seasonal Riparian Area Management (SRAM) Program Policy & Cost-Share Policy as well as a draft of the application. Schwebach will be meeting with Rock county to go over draft as well and present any changes at a future board meeting.
2. **Corrective Action Plan**
   1. Krier presented a noncompliance letter from BWSR in regards to the 2014 – Minnesota Flood Relief Grant Phase 3B Funds. A land occupier’s second install by date was amended after the contract had automatically terminated. Also, the preconstruction cover payment was not included in the original contract and was not specified in the amendment. Krier’s corrective action plan is to develop and implement a process to track install by dates for contracts using excel and develop a process to review contracts prior to approval. Spronk made a motion to approve the Corrective Action Plan Letter, seconded by Cunningham. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.
3. **Rural Resident Resource Review**
   1. DeBeer presented an environmental review for rural residents. Discussion was had on funds available for the project, education, marketing ideas as well as money incentives.

**County Commissioner Report:**

Johnson – Attended the virtual AMC conference via zoom. Pipestone county will be sending a letter to MPCA to show they are not in favor of the Clean Cars Minnesota rulemaking. RCRCA received bids on dredging project and now waiting on DNR permits before approving the contract.

Nath – Accepted bid to replace parking lot behind sheriff’s office. Also, just received the

clearance for removing the tanks from the old high school.

**Supervisor Reports:**

Cunningham – MASWCD Legislative day is on March 18th with a $50 registration fee. NACD’s Virtual Advocacy week is March 22-26.

Christensen – nothing

Fenicle – Attended the RCRCA meeting and Area V meeting.

Spronk – nothing

Folger – nothing

**NRCS Report:** Cheryl introduced Maggie Syversen and Dylan Bartels, new soil conservationists. Patrick Toomey was also announced as the new range specialist for Pipestone/Rock counties. 103 CSP letters went out with a deadline of March 26th sign up. About 20 were from Pipestone. EQIP has a new ranking system with a deadline of March 26th. Still looking for CRP applications.

**Manager’s Report:**  Shared the Locally Led Conservation online training opportunity for supervisors. The office is still working on JAA for projects.

**Adjournment:**

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

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Larry Fenicle, Secretary