

- **Minutes of the Pipestone Soil and Water Conservation District Meeting
March 9th, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. EMS Building 811 5th Street Pipestone, Minnesota**

Board Members Present:

Cal Spronk, Chairman
Ken Christensen, Vice-Chair
Bill Folger, Secretary/Treasurer
Ian Cunningham, PR&I

Board Members Absent:

Brad Kruisselbrink, Programs

Others Present:

Doug Nagel, Melissa Rosendahl, Kyle Krier, Nicole Schwebach, Levi Campion, Shannon Bootsma, Charis Prunty

Chairman Spronk called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

A. Approve Agenda

Addition to agenda under New Business is: Ag BMP. Motion made by Cunningham to approve agenda with the added change, seconded by Folger. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

B. Approval of Minutes

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

C. Approval of Financial Report & Bills

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

New Business:

D. SW MN Wellhead Soil Health Grant

- a. There were 18 applications for this grant totaling a larger amount than the grant provided. Cunningham made a motion to approve and fund all 18 applications and fund the overage out of the 2022 Capacity Fund. Folger seconded the motion. Christensen abstained from voting due to conflict of interest. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

E. Ag BMP

- a. Rosendahl updated the board on the Ag BMP program. Discussion was had on what type of equipment and practices the board would like to see funded.

County Commissioner Report:

Nagel – Attended the AMC Legislative conference via zoom. Discussed the immigration bill, focus on public safety, tax relief, and SCORE funds.

Supervisor Reports:

Cunningham – Briefed board on Legislative Days at the Capitol March 7-8. Shared info about a company from Denmark looking at building a methane digester plant in Pipestone County.

Folger – Nothing.

Christensen – RCRC meeting was canceled. Personnel committee met to hire a new technician.

Spronk - Personnel committee met and interviewed 3 applicants. Position was offered to and accepted by Shannon Bootsma.

NRCS Report: 40 EQIP applications. 15 were approved. 1 CSP application.

Manager's Report: Still promoting MDA cover crop trials. Staff will be participating in cover crop webinars. Presented a letter of recommendation to the board for Gene Halbur who is seeking a grant from the MN Department of Ag to purchase a no till planter. Cunningham made a motion to support and sign the letter. Folger seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

Adjournment:

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

Bill Folger, Secretary