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

**May 13th 9:00 a.m. at EMS building Pipestone, Minnesota**

**Board Members Present:**

Bill Folger, Chairman

Ian Cunningham, Vice-Chairman

Cal Spronk, Programs

Ken Christensen, PR&I

**Board Members Absent:**

Larry Fenicle, Secretary/Treasurer

**Others Present:**

Les Nath, Luke Johnson, Kyle Krier, Melissa Rosendahl, Levi Campion, Maggie Syversen, Lance Wheeler, Nicole Schwebach

Chairman Folger called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

1. **Approve Agenda**

Motion made by Spronk, 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 April board meeting. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

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

Cunningham 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. **Cost Share Contracts**

**(Amendments – 3)**

* 1. Wheeler presented a cost share contract amendment for Del VanEssen, contract # VanEssen22-4-21, to amend the amount from $8,274.91 to $700.00 from the conservation use acres funds.
  2. The second cost share contract amendment for Del VanEssen, contract # VanEssen13-4-21, was to amend the amount from $15,732.97 to $1,000.00 from the conservation use acres funds.
  3. The final cost share contract amendment was for Lucas Roskamp, contract # Roskamp3-21, to amend the amount from $96,166.61 to $1,000.00 from the conservation use acres funds.

All three amendments were amended due to the projects being approved to be funded thru 1W1P. Spronk made a motion to approve the amendments, seconded by Christensen. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

**(New Contracts – 3)**

* 1. Wheeler presented a new contract for Brad Kruisselbrink, contract # Kruisselbrink5-21, to implement 9 basins in the amount of $71,310.89 with a 75% cost share amount of $53,483.17.
  2. The second cost share contract is for Richard Kas, contract #Kas5-21, to implement 3 basins and a waterway in the amount of $31,997.46 with a 75% cost share amount of $23,998.10.
  3. The final cost share contract is for Barb Sietsema and Tom Shane, contract #’s Shane5-21 and Sietsema5-21, to implement 6 basins and a waterway. Sietsema’s total cost is $62,128.80 with a 75% cost share amount of $46,596.60 and Shane’s total cost is $17,775.60 with a 75% cost share amount of $13,331.70.

Spronk made a motion to approve the cost share contracts, seconded by Christensen. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

1. **Call for Resolutions**
   1. Krier notified the board that any resolution changes need to be made by the next month.
2. **LWG Meeting – June 10th**
   1. Meeting will be held after the regular board meeting on June 10th at the Hiawatha Lodge.
3. **Seeding Incentive Funds**
   1. Rosendahl noted that according to our annual audit and BWSR guidelines the unassigned fund balance of $64,882 is currently only about 15% of the general fund and should be in the 35-50% range. Taking the seeding incentive funds, which there is no longer a use for, of $41,316.88 and adding in the operating reserve of $150,000.00 and making these funds unassigned funds would make our unassigned balance about 59%. Cunningham made a motion we allocate the seeding incentive funds and operating reserve to unassigned funds., seconded by Spronk. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.
4. **SRAM Policy**
   1. Schwebach reviewed changes made to the SRAM policy, these included increasing the reimbursable amount from $70-$80/acre and requiring that the land be actively grazed pasture land for the last 5 of 10 years. Cunningham made a motion to except these changes, seconded by Spronk. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.
5. **RCRCA – Joint Powers Agreement**
   1. Krier presented the joint powers agreement with the only change of increasing the levy by $65.00. Spronk made a motion to accept the signing of the agreement, seconded by Christensen. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

**County Commissioner Report:**

Johnson – Signed the RCRCA dredging contract.

Nath – The county fair will be August 4-7th. Groundbreaking has started for the new dental clinic in town.

**Supervisor Reports:**

Cunningham – The NACD summer meeting will be July 24-26 in Chicago.

Christensen – There were a lot of projects approved at the last 1W1P meeting.

Spronk – Nothing.

Folger – Nothing.

**NRCS Report:** Accepting applications for RCPP right now.

**Manager’s Report:**  Submitted a 2022 request for one additional year of CREP funding. Application for the $50,000.00 MN Dept of Health Grant over the next 2 years was approved. Kick off meetings for the 1W1P will be tentatively held the week of July 19th. Trees have all been planted and Nicole will start matting them as soon as possible. Rural clean-up day will be held Wednesday May 19th from 7-3 at the Household Hazardous Waste Building.

**Adjournment:**

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

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Larry Fenicle, Secretary