

- **Minutes of the Pipestone Soil and Water Conservation District Meeting
May 11th, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. EMS Building 811 5th Street Pipestone, Minnesota**

Board Members Present:

Ken Christensen, Vice-Chair
Bill Folger, Secretary/Treasurer
Brad Kruisselbrink, Programs
Ian Cunningham, PR&I

Board Members Absent:

Cal Spronk, Chairman

Others Present:

Doug Nagel, Melissa Rosendahl, Kyle Krier, Charis Prunty, Levi Campion

Vice-Chair Christensen called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

A. Approve Agenda

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

B. Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Cunningham, seconded by Kruisselbrink to approve the minutes of the April 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. Cost Share Contract

a. Krier presented a conservation use contract for Tom Griebel, for 10 acres at \$100/acre for a total of \$1,000.00 paid out of water plan funds. The land is in Gray Township, Section 23. Kruisselbrink made a motion to approve this contract. Cunningham seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

b. Krier presented a cost share contract for Taylor Shellum, contract # 23-Shellum-4, Eden Township Section 5 to build a grassed waterway. Total project cost is \$9,504.55 with a 75% cost share of \$7,128.41 and preconstruction cover for 4.5 acres of \$450.00 the total amount is \$7,578.41. Cunningham made a motion to approve this contract. Folger seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

E. Non-Structural Policy Update

a. Krier presented the policy update in regards to non-structural flat rate payments on cover crops and strip-till or no-till practices. The proposal would state that if the non-structural practice was installed but failed to establish for reasons beyond the land occupier's control, the land occupier will be paid for the year. If the non-structural practice was not installed due to reasons outside the land occupier's control, an additional year will be added to the contract to ensure the initial practice lifespan is met. The other change proposed is to increase the pre-construction cover incentive from \$100/acre to \$150/acre. Folger made a motion to approve these policy changes. Kruisselbrink seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

F. Call for Resolutions

a. Call for resolutions deadline is July 21, 2023.

G. Redwood River Watershed Resolution

a. This resolution is to authorize the RCRCA to pursue funding from the Redwood River Watershed One Watershed, One Plan project. Cunningham made a motion to approve the resolution. Kruisselbrink seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

H. RCRCA Joint Powers Agreement Renewal 2023-2025

a. Krier presented the renewal. Kruisselbrink made a motion to enter into the agreement. Cunningham seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

Reports:

County Commissioner Report:

Nagel – Nothing.

Supervisor Reports:

Cunningham – Nothing.

Folger – Nothing.

Christensen – Nothing.

Kruisselbrink – Attended the RCRCA meeting recently.

NRCS Report: Finishing EQIP applications.

Manager's Report:

Updated board on new garage progress.

Adjournment:

There being no further business Vice-Chair Christensen declared the meeting adjourned.

Bill Folger, Secretary