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

**November 12th, 2020 9:00 a.m. at EMS building Pipestone, Minnesota**

**Board Members Present:**

Ken Christensen, Chairman

Ian Cunningham, Secretary/Treasurer

Larry Fenicle, Programs

**Board Members Absent:**

Bill Folger, Vice-Chairman

Cal Spronk, PR&I

**Others Present:**

Kyle Krier, Melissa Rosendahl, Kyle Kuphal

Chairman Christensen called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

1. **Approve Agenda**

Motion made by Cunningham, seconded by Fenicle 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 October board meeting. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

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

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

**New Business:**

1. NACD Membership
   1. Fenicle made a motion to renew membership with the NACD at the platinum level with a contribution of $3,001.00. Cunningham seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.
2. Resolution Ballots
   1. Krier reminded the board that the resolution ballots for the MASWCD are due today, November 12th, 2020.
3. Groundwater Quality Nitrate Reduction Contract/Vouchers
   1. Krier presented 1 perennial acre contract, 3 perennial vouchers and 2 cover crop vouchers.
   2. New contract:

Contract# Land Owner Amount Acres

01-22 Daryl Amoth $18,860 158

Perennial Acre Vouchers:

Contract # Land Owner Amount Acres

01-06 Chad Borman $18,120.00 151

01-07 Chad Borman $2,400.00 20

01-17 Tom Griebel $13,440.00 112

Cover Crop Acre Vouchers:

Contract # Land Owner Amount Acres

01-20 Corey VanStelton $18,000.00 150

01-21 Corey VanStelton $31,560.00 263

Fenicle made a motion to approve the contract and pay vouchers. Cunningham seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

1. MDA Groundwater Protection Rule Workplan and Grant Agreement Signature Authorization
   1. Krier presented the workplan between the MDA and Pipestone SWCD to improve the quality of groundwater for the board members to review. DeBeer will be putting together meetings for a DWSMA committee of producers and ag consultants within the affected wellhead areas to develop ideas. The agreement will come at a later date for signature.
2. MASWCD Virtual Annual Convention
   1. Krier reminded the board that the annual convention will be held Tuesday December 8th from 9-12 and will be virtual this year. The regular monthly SWCD board meeting is scheduled for Thursday December 10th of that same week. Cunningham made a motion to move the regular board meeting to Tuesday December 8th after the conclusion of the MASWCD convention not to start before 11:00 a.m. Fenicle seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.
3. 319 Grant Agreement
   1. Krier presented the grant agreement which will be implemented to improve water quality along the Pipestone Creek and Split Rock Creek in Pipestone county and the Split Rock Creek and Mound Creek in Rock County. The project cost will be $473,792.00 of that $284,275.00 would be grant funds and $189,517.00 would be the match amount. Schwebach will be the contact for Pipestone county. Fenicle made a motion to enter into the agreement. Cunningham seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

**County Commissioner Report:**

None

**Supervisor Reports:**

Ian – noted the NACD convention in February 2021 will be held virtually

Ken –nothing

Fenicle – nothing

**Manager’s Report:**  Informed the board that starting this week the staff will be rotating each week between the office and remote working from home due to the Covid virus. Workplans are being input into Elink. Mentioned possibly purchasing a new atv for Wheeler to survey on. Wheeler will get bids and present at next meeting.

**Adjournment:**

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

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Ian Cunningham, Secretary