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

 **November 12th, 2021 at 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, Melissa Rosendahl, Lance Wheeler, Kyle Kuphal, Kyle Krier

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

1. **Approve Agenda**

Motion made by Cunningham to amend the agenda by moving the tour to the last item of business and adjourn following that, seconded by Spronk to approve the agenda with the stated change. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

1. **Approval of Minutes**

Motion made by Christensen, seconded by Spronk 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 file the financial reports and approve the payment of bills. Spronk seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

**New Business:**

1. **/ E. Natural Resource Block Grant Agreement / CREP Outreach and Implementation Grant Agreement**
	1. Krier presented the NRBG grant in the amount of $127,958.00 and the CREP outreach grant in the amount of $19,290.00 both for FY’s 2022 & 2023. Cunningham made a motion to approve and sign the grant agreements. Spronk seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.
2. **Cost Share Contracts**
	1. Wheeler presented two cancellations for Del VanEssen, contract #VanEssen13-4-21 for $1,000.00 and VanEssen22-4-21 for $700.00, along with a cancellation for Lucas Roskamp, contract #Roskamp3-21, for $1,000.00. These projects have all been funded through the 1W1P. Spronk made a motion to cancel these cost share contracts. Cunningham seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.
3. **Cover Crop Nutrient Management Initiative Program Contract**
	1. DeBeer presented the contract with the University of Minnesota for $1,200.00 for providing them with pictures of cover crops in the area. Spronk made a motion to enter into the contract. Christensen seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

**County Commissioner Report:**

Nath – Katie Johnson is the new hire for the county extension position and Amanda Baarson Sandy is the new hire for the county’s auditor/treasurer position.

Johnson – Lake Redwood dredging project is in the process of laying pipe. Recently attended the Area II and RCRCA meeting.

**Supervisor Reports:**

Cunningham – Just returned from NACD retreat in Washington. Will be attending the Area V meeting next week.

Christensen – Nothing.

Spronk – Nothing.

Folger – Nothing.

**NRCS Report:** Nothing.

**Manager’s Report:** Reminded everyone about the MASWCD annual convention being held December 12-14th in Bloomington. Discussed making a metal sign to give to our conservationist of the year. Will be ordering one for our 2021 winner Mike Fruechte. The tree cooler compressor will be here late November and will be installed.

1. **SW Mental Health Tour**
	1. The meeting located to the SW Mental Health Building to tour the facility for a possible move of the SWCD office to this location.

 **Adjournment:**

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

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Ian Cunningham, Vice-Chairman