

**Minutes of the Pipestone Soil and Water Conservation District Meeting
November 8, 2018, 9:00 a.m. at the District Office Pipestone, Minnesota**

Board Members Present:

Ian Cunningham, Chairman
Arvin Pater, Secretary/Treasurer
Bill Folger, PR & I
Cal Spronk, Vice-Chairman

Board Members Absent:

Ken Christensen, Programs

Others Present:

Kyle Krier, Stephanie LaBrune, Jerry Purdin, Nicole Schwebach, Les Nath, and Debra Fitzgerald

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

Approve Agenda

Motion made by Folger to approve the agenda with the addition of Item B. under New Business NACD Survey. The motion seconded by Pater. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Folger, seconded by Pater to approve the minutes of the October 2018 Board Meeting. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

Approval of Financial Report & Bills:

Financial reports and bills were presented by LaBrune and reviewed by the board. Spronk made a motion to accept the financial reports and to approve the payment of bills. Folger seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

Prior Business:

- A. Tree Policy
 - a. Schwebach discussed the tree replacement policy with the board. After discussion, Spronk made a motion to change the tree policy to provide 50% off the cost for replacement trees, and keep in place the rule on not providing replacement trees at a reduced cost for landowners who neglect to care for their trees after they have been planted. Folger seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

New Business:

- A. Office Space
 - a. Krier gave an update on the office space situation.
- B. NACD Survey
 - a. Board and staff went through the survey together.

Reports:

Folger – Reported that he was re-elected to the board.

Cunningham- Reported on NACD business. He said that Collin Peterson is motivated to get the Farm Bill complete by the end of the year. Ian plans to go to Washington D.C. the week after Thanksgiving to have meetings on the Farm Bill.

Pater- Attended an RCRC meeting. He also gave an update on the Lake Redwood project.

Spronk – No report.

Krier- Reported that he and LaBrune have spent the last month working mostly on Recycling. He has sent out letters to two people regarding the USDA office lease agreeing that the SWCD will co-locate with the USDA.

Purdin- Has spent the last couple weeks certifying payments for four different counties. He has also been out with the Area Engineer who was down doing a spot check on a conservation project.

Nath- Reported that the demolition on the Central School will begin soon. There will be a cornerstone ceremony this Saturday at the old high school.

Adjournment:

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

Arvin Pater, Secretary