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

**October 8th, 2020 9:00 a.m. at EMS building Pipestone, Minnesota and also via Zoom**

**Board Members Present:**

Bill Folger, Vice-Chairman

Ian Cunningham, Secretary/Treasurer

Larry Fenicle, Programs

**Board Members Absent:**

Ken Christensen, Chairman

Cal Spronk, PR&I

**Others Present:**

Kyle Krier, Melissa Rosendahl, Laura DeBeer, Luke Johnson in person,

Kyle Kuphal and Jon Matz via zoom

Vice - Chairman Folger called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

1. **Approve Agenda**

Motion made by Fenicle, 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 Fenicle to approve the minutes of the September 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:**

L. Memorandum of Agreement (MOA)

* 1. Matz reviewed the template that the NRCS and SWCD share which defines the relationship and roles of each party. Each entity works together to accomplish common goals.

1. Groundwater Quality Nitrate Reduction Contracts
   1. DeBeer presented 1 perennial acre contract

Contract # Land Owner Amount Acres

0119 Doug Brands $1,340.00 6

DeBeer has requested the second phase of funds which consists of 40% of the grant amount. Fenicle made a motion to approve the contract. Cunningham seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

1. Cost Share Contracts
   1. Krier presented a water & sediment control basin project for Wayne Uilk, contract # Uilk8-20. The total cost is $58,168.98 with a 75% cost share approval, the payment would be $43,626.74. $1,413.19 from the 2019 Capacity, $5,578.01 from the 2020 Cost Share and $36,635.54 from the 2020 Capacity.
   2. Krier presented a waterway and subsurface drainage project for Cal Brouwer, contract # Brouwer6-20. The total cost is $22,590.00 with a 75% cost share approval the payment would be $16,942.50 coming from the 2019 Capacity plus a seeding incentive payment of $1,380.00 makes the total $18,322.50.

Cunningham made a motion to approve the contracts. Fenicle seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

1. MN Lidar Acquisition Plan
   1. Krier presented the nationwide lidar flight for elevation data which will cost approximately $400/square mile. The cost could possibly be shared with NRCS, DNR, SWCD and the county.
2. Health Insurance Premiums
   1. Krier presented the 2021 health insurance premiums. The single premium will go from $426.70 to $466.28 and the family premium will go from $1,096.70 to $1,201.94. Currently the SWCD contribution amounts are $575 for single and $1,000.00 for family. Cunningham made a motion to keep the contribution limits the same. Fenicle seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.
3. 2021 Local Capacity Services and 2021 Buffer Law Grant Agreement
   1. Krier presented the 2021 SWCD Local Capacity Services for $126,562 and 2021 Buffer Law for $21,500.00. Fenicle made a motion to approve agreements. Cunningham seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.
4. Jim Evans SSTS Grant
   1. Krier presented to the board an approval for an increase in the amount paid to Jim Evans for his new septic system as the cost of his will be considerably more than a typical system and the system is an imminent health risk. Fenicle made a motion to pay 50% of the total cost of Evan’s system. Cunningham seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.
5. MPCA SSTS Program Grant Agreement
   1. Krier presented the MPCA SSTS Program Grant Agreement in the amount of $18,600 for administration and $40,000 for septic system upgrades. Fenicle made a motion to approve agreement. Cunningham seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.
6. Resolution Ballot
   1. Krier informed the board that the resolution ballots need to be turned in by November 12, 2020.

**County Commissioner Report:**

Johnson attended the AMC fall meeting held virtually recently. RCRCA is currently building a confined disposal facility. Johnson was elected chair of MN Rural Counties. Noted 1W1P funds are being used quickly.

**Supervisor Reports:**

Ian – nothing

Folger – Attended the Moody county SWCD tour which toured SRAM projects and cover crops in their county.

Fenicle – Attended the RCRCA meeting and noted there is drone footage of the project which is about a month ahead of schedule. Shared the need for better enforcement of liquid manure spreading from hog barns.

**Manager’s Report:**  Made note of Danielle’s minor car accident with the new GMC. The office will be getting 2 new computers this year. Schwebach sent out about 30 more buffer enforcement letters. Attended the Area V managers meeting last week.

**DeBeer**: Shared Edgerton will be purchasing highly vulnerable property that is within their wellhead area with the use of funds from the Wellhead Protection Partner Grants Program (Pilot).

**Adjournment:**

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

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Ian Cunningham, Secretary