

**Minutes of the Pipestone Soil and Water Conservation District Meeting
October 18, 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

Board Members Absent:

Cal Spronk, Vice-Chairman
Ken Christensen, Programs

Others Present:

Kyle Krier, Stephanie LaBrune, Jerry Purdin, Adam Ossefoort, Nicole Schwebach, Luke Johnson, 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 and changing the order of the agenda to allow for items B., C., D., E. and G. to be moved to the beginning to be discussed first. 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 September 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. Pater 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.

New Business:

- B. 2016 Capacity Fund Extension
- C. 2016 State Cost-Share Fund Extension
- D. 2017 State Cost-Share Fund Extension
 - a. Ossefoort informed the board that due to the possibility of projects not being completed on time he would like the board to ask BWSR for an extension on 2016 Capacity, 2016 State Cost-Share, and 2017 State Cost-Share funds. Pater made a motion to request extensions from BWSR for the following funding sources: 2016 Capacity, 2016 State Cost-Share, and 2017 State Cost-Share in order to get projects completed. Folger seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.
- E. Producer Cost-Share Contract Extensions
 - a. Ossefoort requested that the board approve and sign the following Cost-Share Contract Extensions extending the time for projects to be completed to September 10th, 2019:

- i. Mark Lorang, Contract # Lorang6-18, Funding Source: 2017 State Cost-Share and Phase 3 2014 Flood Relief.
 - ii. Gary VanderSchaaf, Contract # VanderSchaaf2-18, Funding Source: 2017 State Cost-Share.
 - iii. Myron VanderPol, Contract # VanderPol1-18, Funding Source: 2016 Capacity, 2016 State Cost-Share.
 - iv. Tom Griebel, Contract # Griebel5-18, Funding Source: 2017 Capacity.
 - v. Del Ford, Contract # Ford3-18, Funding Source: 2017 State Cost-Share.
- b. Pater made a motion to approve all contract extensions as presented. Folger seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

G. Missouri River IWIP

- a. Discussion was held. No action taken.

Prior Business:

A. 2019 Health Insurance

- a. Krier explained that staff met with Kozlowski insurance company on employee health insurance options. Krier and staff all agreed that due to the reduction in premiums they would like to change insurance providers and begin utilizing the public employee's insurance program (PEIP) beginning 1-1-19. Cunningham also mentioned that Krier had discussed contribution rates with the personnel committee and both Cunningham and Spronk agreed to leave the employer contribution rates the same: \$550 Single, and \$900 Family. Folger made a motion to cancel insurance services with SW/WC Service Coop. on Dec 31, 2018 and contract with PEIP with services beginning 1-1-19. He also motioned to keep the employer contribution rates the same. Pater seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

New Business:

A. 2018 Resolutions

- a. Discussion was held. No action taken.

F. Tree Replacement Policy

- a. Schwebach discussed changing the tree replacement policy. After discussion, the board asked Schwebach to bring back a new policy so they can take action on it during the November board meeting.

Reports:

Folger – Reported that the field conditions have been extremely wet for farmers.

Cunningham- Reported that he has seen the benefits of good soil health on his farm this year. Also reported on an NACD meeting.

Pater- No report.

Krier- Announced to the board that we were selected to receive 319 grant dollars to implement a Seasonal Riparian Management Program (SRAM). He said that Doug Bos from Rock SWCD will begin working with BWSR to get SRAM on the list of approved conservation practices. Krier also let the board know that he met with the liaison

committee and has received support from the County board to move forward with the USDA co-location and possible increase in rent. Krier attended the MACPZA conference last week. Recycling has been a high priority.

Purdin- Handed out report. (attached)

Johnson- Reported that Area II and RCRCRA projects are behind schedule due to the weather. Announced that a bid was awarded on the Central School Demolition project.

Adjournment:

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

Arvin Pater, Secretary