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

**September 8th, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. County Commissioner’s Room Pipestone, Minnesota**

**Board Members Present:**

Bill Folger, Chairman

Ian Cunningham, Vice-Chairman

Larry Fenicle, Secretary/Treasurer

Ken Christensen, PR&I

**Board Members Absent:**

Cal Spronk, Programs

**Others Present:**

Luke Johnson, Kyle Krier, Melissa Rosendahl, Lance Wheeler, Levi Campion

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

1. **Approve Agenda**

Motion made by Cunningham, seconded by Christensen to approve the agenda as presented. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

1. **Approval of Minutes**

Motion made by Fenicle, seconded by Cunningham to approve the minutes of the August 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. Christensen seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

**New Business:**

1. **Conservation Delivery and State Cost-Share Grant**
   1. Krier presented the grant agreement for the Conservation Delivery program for 2022-2023 in the amount of $18,670.00 per year and the State Cost-Share Fund program for 2022-2023 in the amount of $15,873.00 per year for a total grant amount of $69,086.00. Fenicle made a motion for the chair to sign the agreement. Christensen seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.
2. **Staff Reviews**
   1. Lance Wheeler
      1. Wheeler agreed to keep the meeting open during his review. Krier presented the review to the board stating that his review was favorable and suggested to the board that he receive a step increase as of 9/23/21. Cunningham made a motion to approve the favorable review as presented with a step increase. Christensen seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.
   2. Melissa Rosendahl
      1. Rosendahl agreed to keep the meeting open during her review. Krier presented the review to the board stating that her review was favorable and suggested to the board that she receive a step increase as of 10/7/21. Cunningham made a motion to approve the favorable review as presented with a step increase. Fenicle seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

**County Commissioner Report:**

Johnson – Lake Redwood dredging project should start laying pipe this fall. Fall policy committee meeting next week for AMC. Budget is due by the end of the month.

**Supervisor Reports:**

Cunningham – Attended SRAM tour in Pipestone. NACD is gearing up for a health insurance option for SWCD’s in the near future. Went to the We Are Water tour and viewed some projects close to town as well as touring Newalta Dairy to see how water is reused several times there.

Christensen – Attended the SRAM tour. Attended the 1W1P meeting in Luverne August 25th and there will be about another $100,000.00 for projects available. Funded 58 out of the 148 projects so far with each project costing about $40,000.00.

Fenicle – Attended the RCRCA meeting.

Folger – Dealt with slow emails due to some vulnerability issues the server was having. Built a new email server and moved everything to it and was able to restore the program and speed.

**NRCS Report:** Maggie Syversen has moved to the Marshall NRCS office. Aaron Crowley joined the Nobles NRCS office. Working on CSP payments and renewals.

**Manager’s Report:**  SRAM tour info will be available in a video format for future viewing. Kyle and Melissa will be attending the Solid Waste Conference September 22-24.

**Adjournment:**

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

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Larry Fenicle, Secretary