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

**September 8th at 9:00 a.m. EMS Building 811 5th Street Pipestone, Minnesota**

**Board Members Present:**

Ian Cunningham, Chairman

Cal Spronk, Vice-Chair

Bill Folger, Programs

Brad Kruisselbrink, PR & I

**Board Members Absent:**

Ken Christensen, Secretary / Treasurer

**Others Present:**

Les Nath, Melissa Rosendahl, Kyle Krier, Laura DeBeer

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

1. **Approve Agenda**

Motion made by Spronk to approve agenda as presented seconded by Kruisselbrink. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

1. **Approval of Minutes**

Motion made by Spronk, seconded by Folger to approve the minutes of the August board meeting. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

1. **Approval of Financial Report & Bills**

Folger 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. **MDA: JPA Groundwater Rule**
   1. DeBeer presented an amendment from the Department of Ag for the Nitrogen Fertilizer Management Plan and Groundwater Protection Rule. The amendment would extend the contract for 2 more years with an expiration date of 9/30/2024. Folger made a motion to agree to and sign the amendment. Spronk seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.
2. **Missouri River 1W1P Update**
   1. Krier updated the board on the projects that the first round of funds were spent on. The second round of funding is in and applications are being taken.
3. **BWSR Grants Updates**
   1. BWSR will be granting $14,175.00 to Pipestone SWCD for soil health practices. Need to put a work plan together for these funds. There are also some pollinator grants funds available
4. **Office Building update and discussion**
   1. Krier presented to the board building changes that the SWCD would like to have done to the SW Mental Health Building beyond what the county is renovating. Such things as windows in the conference room, additional office windows, larger windows, new doors and other renovations. Spronk made a motion to authorize Kyle to make these changes not to exceed $40,000.00. Folger seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

**County Commissioner Report:**

Nath – Still working on the budget process. Possible increase in levy due to higher fuel and contractor costs.

**Supervisor Reports:**

Cunningham –Nothing.

Folger – Noted the drivers testing hours and days have changed to only being offered the 3rd Wednesday of each month.

Kruisselbrink – Attended the RCRCA meeting. November 3rd there will be a legislative meeting at Painted Prairie. The dredging project is on schedule and should be completed in about 6 weeks.

Spronk: Nothing.

**NRCS Report:** Nothing.

**Manager’s Report:** Laura will be taking over the cost share duties for the office and WCA enforcement. Nicole is working on feedlots. Melissa is taking over the AgBMP program.

**Adjournment:**

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

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Ken Christensen, Secretary