

**Minutes of the Pipestone Soil and Water Conservation District Meeting
September 13, 2018, 9:00 a.m. at the District Office Pipestone, Minnesota**

Board Members Present:

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

Board Members Absent:

Others Present:

Kyle Krier, Stephanie LaBrune, Jerry Purdin, Adam Ossefoort, and Debra Fitzgerald

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

Approve Agenda

Motion made by Pater to approve the agenda. The motion seconded by Folger.
Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

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

Approval of Financial Report & Bills:

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

New Business:

- A. FY 19 Capacity / Buffer Grant Agreement
 - a. Folger made a motion to accept and sign the grant agreement. Pater seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.
- B. 2014 Flood Relief Grant Phase 3B Amendment
 - a. Ossefoort requested that the board obtain a grant extension so there would be more time for producers to complete projects. Spronk made a motion to sign a one-year extension for the 2014 Phase 3B Flood Relief grant. Christensen seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.
- C. 2019 Health Insurance
 - a. Krier informed board that the office is working on getting new cost comparisons to bring back to the board in October.
- D. 2017 Audit Engagement
 - a. LaBrune presented an audit engagement letter from Meulebroeck and Taubert to complete the 2017 SWCD Audit. Christensen made a motion to accept the audit engagement for the amount not to exceed \$2700. Spronk seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

- E. Office Lease
 - a. Discussion was held. No action taken.

Reports:

Folger – No report

Cunningham- Talked about meeting with EPA, MPCA, Rock County and other stakeholders. He said that if the seasonal riparian area management (SRAM) program is successful it would be able to provide incentives and limit grazing in the riparian areas during sensitive months. Currently the SRAM program is 1 of 18 in the running for 319 grant funding. Ian attended the Rock Cover Crop field day as well as the Kernza field day Northwest of Pipestone. He also visited the Edgerton Wellhead site where they are doing a Kernza trial.

Christensen- No report

Pater- No report

Spronk- Attended the SWPTSA meeting. He stated that the TSA received a grant to implement cover crops. He also mentioned that Dawn Madison will be promoting soil health along with other district staff.

Krier- Informed the board that he will be out of the office during the next SWCD board meeting. He also told the board that he is working with Pheasants Forever in both the Pipestone and Buffalo Ridge Chapters to see if they would be willing to provide us with some funding, around \$3,250 each, for the work that our office does to promote wildlife habitat and for being sponsors of both chapters. The E-Fair will be held on September 26th in Slayton.

Purdin- Told the board that he has 30 CRP plans completed and 10% CSP Contract reviews. He announced that Randy Sheik will be the new soil conservationist in the office and begins on Monday but will also be helping out in Rock County as well.

Adjournment:

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

Arvin Pater, Secretary