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

 **September 12th, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.**

**Pipestone County Government Center Southwest**

**1016 8th Ave SW Pipestone, Minnesota**

**Board Members Present:**

Ken Christensen, Chairman

Bill Folger, Vice-Chair

Brad Kruisselbrink, Secretary/Treasurer

Ian Cunningham, Programs

Cal Spronk, PR&I

**Board Members Absent:**

None

**Others Present:**

Kyle Krier, Doug Nagel, Nathan Blankers

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

1. **Approve Agenda**

Spronk made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Cunningham seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

1. **Approval of Minutes**

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

1. **Financial Report and Approval of Bills**
	1. Cunningham made a motion to file the financial reports and approve the payment of bills. Kruisselbrink seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

**New Business:**

1. **Area V Election of Officers**
	1. Krier updated the board on the importance for supervisors to attend the Area V meeting next week. Following discussion Spronk said he would be willing to be nominated for Secretary/Treasurer but unable to attend. Cunningham will nominate him at meeting.
2. **MDA Grant Agreement**
	1. Krier presented an amendment from MDA for $55,732.00 to extend the contract expiration date from 9-30-24 to 9-30-25. Spronk made a motion to approve and sign the amendment. Folger seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.
3. **319 Contract Voucher**
	1. Krier presented a voucher for Mike Thode, contract # 319-22-Thode, Sweet township section 4 in the amount of $81,749.56 with a 75% cost share assistance the voucher amount is $61,312.17. Kruisselbrink made a motion to approve the voucher. Cunningham seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.
4. **Soil Health Wellhead Vouchers**

Christensen requested that since he has a contract he will abstain and would like Vice Chairman Folger to take over meeting for this agenda item.

* 1. Krier presented Soil Health Wellhead Voucher for Tom Griebel, contract #CWF22-SH-18 for 40 acres in the amount of $8,400.00, Kruisselbrink made a motion to approve and pay the voucher. Cunningham seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

-Vice-Chair Folger took over meeting as next agenda item is a conflict of interest for Chairman Christensen.

* 1. Krier presented a Soil Health Wellhead Voucher for Ken Christensen, contract #CWF22-SH-12 for 50 acres in the amount of $7,500.00. Cunningham made a motion to approve and pay the voucher. Spronk seconded the motion. Christensen abstained from voting. Affirmvite: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

Chairman Christensen took over meeting as Chairman again.

1. **Cost Share Contracts**
	1. Krier presented contract for Bryan Etrheim, contract #23-Etrheim-10 in Eden township section 25 for $11,643.50 with 75% cost share the authorized amount is $8,732.62 and contract #23-Etrheim-9 in Eden township section 36 for $36,365.45 with 75% cost share the authorized amount is $27,274.08. Kruisselbrink made a motion to approve of these contracts. Folger seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

**Reports:**

**County Commissioner Report:**

Nagel – Preliminary budget increase is 14%.

**Supervisor Reports:**

Cunningham – Shared how field day went.

Folger – Nothing.

Christensen – Wheat has been harvested.

Spronk – Nothing.

Kruisselbrink - Silage looks good this year.

**NRCS Report:** Cover crops are getting planted.

**Manager’s Report:** Shared information on new wetland rules.

Personnel committee member Folger made a motion to close the meeting. Kruisselbrink seconded the motion Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

Board Meeting Closed.

Folger made a motion to open the meeting. Spronk seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

Cunnigham made a motion to terminate the conservation agronomist position effective immediately. Folger seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

 **Adjournment:**

There being no further business Chairman Christensen declared the meeting adjourned @ 10:08.

Bill Folger, Vice-Chair