Minutes of the Pipestone Soil and Water Conservation District Meeting February 19th, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

Pipestone County Government Center Southwest 1016 8th Ave SW Pipestone, Minnesota

Board Members Present:

Cal Spronk, Secretary/Treasurer Ken Christensen, Programs Mike Fruechte, PR&I

Board Members Absent: Bill Folger, Chairman

Brad Kruisselbrink, Vice-Chair

Others Present:

Luke Johnson, Kyle Krier

Secretary/Treasurer Spronk called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

A. Approve Agenda

Fruechte made a motion to approve the February agenda as presented. Christensen seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

B. Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Christensen, seconded by Fruechte to approve the minutes of the January board meeting. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

C. Financial Report and Approval of Bills

Fruechte 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:

D. Soil Health Practices Grant RFI RCPP Funds

a. Krier presented the grant agreement for the Soil Health Practices Grant RFI RCPP Funds. Christensen made a motion to approve and respond to the Request for Information for the RCPP Funds. Fruechte seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

E. Employee Review

a. Evers agreed to keep the meeting open during her review. Krier presented her review to the board stating that her review was favorable with a work anniversary date of 2-8-2025. Christensen made a motion to approve the review and step increase. Fruechte seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

F. Vehicle Purchase

a. Discussion was had on the district's vehicle replacement of the GMC Terrain. Estimates for a new Terrain were presented Dahl Motors (\$21,911) and Papik (\$17,590). Krier said its nice to purchase local and also for repairs. Board asked to see if Dahl's might come down a little.

Reports:

County Commissioner Report:

<u>Johnson</u> – nothing

Supervisor Reports:

<u>Fruechte</u> – Completed financial report required by the state.

Spronk – Area V meeting next Thursday most districts have paid dues.

Christensen – Nothing.

NRCS Report: Nothing.

Manager's Report: Krier shared a landscape estimate for the new building. He presented the updated Joint Powers Agreement for the Redwood-Cottonwood Rivers Control Area. Christensen made a motion to authorize Kruisselbrink to sign the agreement. Fruechte seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none.Motion carried.

Adjournment:

There being no further business Secretary/Treasurer Spronk declared the meeting adjourned at 10:30.

Cal Spronk, Secretary