

- **Minutes of the Pipestone Soil and Water Conservation District Meeting**
March 12th, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.
Pipestone County Government Center Southwest
1016 8th Ave SW Pipestone, Minnesota

Board Members Present:

Cal Spronk, Vice-Chair
Ken Christensen, Secretary/Treasurer
Bill Folger, PR&I
Mike Fruechte, Programs

Board Members Absent:

Brad Kruisselbrink, Chairman

Others Present:

Kyle Krier, Doug Nagel, Melissa Rosendahl, Ayden Bonnett, Luke Johnson, Nathan Blankers

Vice-Chair Spronk called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

A. Approve Agenda

Fruechte made a motion to move item E in front of item D and approve the rest of the March agenda as presented. Folger seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

B. Approval of Minutes

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

C. Financial Report and Approval of Bills

Folger made a motion to file the financial reports and approve the payment of bills. Fruechte seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

New Business:

E. Soil Health Delivery Grant

- a. Christensen made a motion to approve the Soil Health Delivery Grant for \$40,000.00. Folger seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

D.RCPP Contracts

- a. Bonnett presented 6 RCPP contracts. Contract #59-4-24 for 2 years of no-till on 310.76 acres in the amount of \$18,645.60. Contract #59-5-25 for 3 years of multi species cover crop on 87.79 acres in the amount of \$15,262.20. Contract #59-5-26 for 3 years of strip till on 320 acres in the amount of \$28,800.00. Contract #59-5-27 for 3 years of cover crops on 225.45-235-.52 acres the amount of \$41,185.20. Contract #59-5-28 for 3 years of strip till on 286.68-320 acres in the amount of \$26,958.30. Contract # 59-5-29 for 3 years of strip till on 155.75 acres in the amount of \$14,017.50. Fruechte made a motion to approve these contracts contingent upon the receipt of the \$40,000 Soil Health Delivery Grant. Christensen seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

F. LCCMR Letter of Support

- a. Krier presented a request for a letter of support from the University of Minnesota to help discover and characterize poorly constrained groundwater resources. Folger made a motion to sign a letter of support for the LCCMR. Christensen seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

G.Pheasants Forever Donation

- a. Folger made a motion to continue to support the local Pheasants Forever chapter with a \$250 donation. Fruechte seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

H.SWCD Aid Funds

- a. Discussion was had on how to use aid funds. Tabled until April meeting.

Reports:

County Commissioner Report:

Nagel – Pipestone County has approved using the states recommendation of allowing rifles.

Johnson - Attended the Missouri and Redwood water plan meetings. New road being paved east of town.

Supervisor Reports:

Folger – Nothing.

Spronk – Attended the Area V meeting via zoom.

Christensen – Nothing.

Fruechte – The Redwood watershed will fund cover crops, well sealings and stream bank protection.

NRCS Report: Looking at scheduling a Local Work Group Meeting in the near future.

Manager's Report: SWCD staff will join the county's employee recognition program. Stephanie McClain is scheduling a weeklong soil health training for NRCS staff in Pipestone this summer.

Adjournment:

There being no further business Vice-Chair Spronk declared the meeting adjourned at 10:42.

Ken Christensen, Secretary