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

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

**Pipestone County Government Center Southwest**

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

**Board Members Present:**

Ken Christensen, Chairman

Brad Kruisselbrink, Secretary/Treasurer

Ian Cunningham, Programs

Cal Spronk, PR&I

**Board Members Absent:**

Bill Folger, Vice-Chair

**Others Present:**

Kyle Krier, Doug Nagel, Luke Johnson, Melissa Rosendahl, Mike Fruechte

Chairman Christensen called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

1. **Approve Agenda**

Kruisselbrink 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 November 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. **Cost Share Contract**
   1. Krier presented a payment voucher for Bryan Etrheim, contract # 23-Etrheim-10, Eden township section 25. The final project cost was $8,979.20 with 75% cost share the payment amount is $6,734.40. Spronk made a motion to approve the voucher and payment. Kruisselbrink seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.
2. **NACD Annual Contribution**
   1. Krier shared the annual NACD contribution form. Spronk made a motion to pay the platinum level of $3,001.00. Cunningham seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

**Reports:**

**County Commissioner Report:**

Nagel – Attended AMC conference. County still working on new cannabis rules.

Johnson – Attended AMC conference, AMC is working on starting a solid waste work group to address MPCA issues and concerns.

**Supervisor Reports:**

Cunningham - Pipestone SWCD received an ecological resource award from the DNR for the work in the Holland wellhead area. Will be retiring from the SWCD board after 26 years of service.

Christensen – Converting to all strip-till

Spronk – Attended the MASWCD convention and gave recap on speakers and resolutions.

Kruisselbrink – Was present at the Area II RCRCA gathering in Springfield.

**NRCS Report:** Nothing.

**Manager’s Report:**  MPCA is hiring 20% more work staff. Building committee is meeting next week. Finishing up the 319 work plan for the next 3 years of funding. Proposed new budget with changes made. Cunningham made a motion to readopt the approved 2025 proposed budget. Spronk seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

Due to conflicts the January 2025 SWCD Board Meeting will be moved from January 9th to January 16th at 9 a.m.

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business Chairman Christensen declared the meeting adjourned @ 10:19

Brad Kruisselbrink, Secretary