

***Minutes of the Pipestone Soil and Water Conservation District Meeting
August 11, 2011, 9:00 a.m. at the District Office, Pipestone, Minnesota***

Members Present:

Ian Cunningham, Chairman
Cal Spronk, Vice-Chairman
Ed Loll, Programs
Anna Mae Fritz, Secretary/Treasurer
Joyce LaBrune, PR & I

Members Absent:

None

Others Present:

Kyle Krier, Administrator
Stephanie LaBrune, Administrative Assistant
Angie Raatz, Conservationist
Harold Miller, County Commissioner

Acting Chairman Spronk Opened the meeting at 9:00a.m.

Approve Agenda:

Motion by Loll, seconded by Fritz to approve agenda. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none.
Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Loll, seconded by Fritz to approve the minutes of the July 2011 board meeting.
Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

Approval of Financial Report & Bills:

Motion by Fritz, seconded by Loll to approve the July financial statement. Affirmative: all.
Oppose: none. Motion carried.

Chairman Cunningham took over chairing the meeting.

Reports:

Supervisors:

Loll – Attended RC&D meeting in Slayton. He said that they are still looking for other funding sources. He also attended the local EQIP workgroup meeting.

Cunningham – Attended EQIP Meeting and also attended a state board meeting. He said that Sheila gave a legislative report and said that there were no major issues resolved in the state's budget. He also talked about the liability issue with the walk in program as well as the state nursery and how a legislature is trying to get rid of it. Cunningham said that he is planning on attending a state board meeting in Alexandria on the 14th of September.

Spronk- Attended EQIP Meeting.

J. LaBrune- Attended EQIP Meeting. Also asked Loll to be her replacement at the next RCRCRA meeting on the 1st, as she will be absent that day.

Fritz- Attended EQIP meeting.

New Business:

- A. 2012 Budget-
 - a. Kyle passed out the budget and explained it to the board. Spronk made a motion to adopt the 2012 budget, Fritz seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

- B. Conservation Farmer
 - a. Spronk made a motion to nominate Brian & Jerry Houselog for the 2011 conservation farmer award, J. LaBrune seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

- C. Clean Water Project Discussion
 - a. Staff held a discussion with the board on potential projects that may be eligible for clean water funding. No motion was made.

- D. Radio Advertising Agreement
 - a. Loll made a motion to sign the KLOH Radio advertisement agreement and send a payment to them for \$1820.00. Fritz seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

- E. NRCS Contribution Agreement
 - a. Kyle explained to the board that the NRCS is looking to enter into an agreement with the districts to have the districts do the legwork on tile requests from landowners. The agreement would be for NRCS to pay the SWCD \$300 / request that was processed with the maximum payment to the districts being \$20,000 / year. The Pipestone NRCS office normally processes approximately 160 requests per year. Loll made a motion to sign the contribution agreement with the NRCS, Fritz seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

Office Reports:

SWCD:

Krier – Talked about the district reserves and asked the board if they would be interested in spending some of their reserve dollars on a new pictometry flight for the county. Spronk made a motion to offer \$50,000 to Pipestone County from the SWCD undesignated reserve account to have a pictometry flight flown in 2012. J. LaBrune seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

Stephanie LaBrune – Asked the board if they had any thoughts on this year’s mock up rain garden at the county fair. Said that she will be attending an insurance meeting next week to find out our new insurance rate for next year.

Angie Raatz- Is planning to start working on the West View Park Rain Garden Tuesday. She’s estimating the cost to be \$1500.00 not including the cost of the mulch. She also had a discussion with the board on reducing the cost of matting next year due to the July 2nd storm and all of the people that will be needing to replace their groves.

Commissioner Report:

Harold Miller- Said that the commissioners settled with the hospital LPN’s on a 3% per year COLA with no step increases for 3 years. He also said that the county still

has no one who has bid on the courthouse repair project. He announced that the state has not reduced county program aid this year and that only 2 county departments are over their budget this year, due to the weather and natural disasters.

Events:

Next Board Meeting – September 8, 9:00 a.m.

Adjournment:

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

_____ Anna Mae Fritz, Secretary