

*Minutes of the Pipestone Soil and Water Conservation District Meeting
February 5, 2009, 9:00 a.m. at the District Office, Pipestone, Minnesota*

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

Others Present:

Kyle Krier, SWCD Administrator
Stephanie LaBrune SWCD Administrative Assistant
Angie Raatz, SWCD Conservationist
Butch Miller, County Commissioner
Mike & Russ, S.W. J.P.O.

Approve Agenda:

Motion by Cunningham; seconded by Loll to approve agenda. Affirmative: Stensgaard, Loll, Fritz, Spronk, and Cunningham. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Cunningham to approve the minutes of the January 2009 board meeting; seconded by Loll. Affirmative: Stensgaard, Loll, Fritz, Spronk, and Cunningham. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

Reports:

Treasurer's: Copies of the financial report and bills were reviewed.

Motion made by Cunningham, seconded by Loll to approve the financial report. Affirmative: Loll, Fritz, Stensgaard, Spronk, and Cunningham. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

Supervisors:

Fritz – Nothing to report

Loll – Nothing to report

Stensgaard – Attended the S.W. J.P.O and RCRCA meetings. The JPO meeting was dealing with the staff and them taking on too many liabilities. There was also a new member added to the RCRCA from Yellow Medicine County.

Cunningham- Stated that there is a RC&D meeting coming up on the 11th as well as an area V meeting on the 19th.

Spronk- Nothing to report.

NRCS:

No one present to make a report

SWCD:

Raatz- Discussed pushing the No Till program this spring for producers that did not get a chance to till land last fall. Also, has a discussion on putting on a bus tour for the County Commissioners, SWCD Board, and public so that they can view some of the different conservation practices that have been put on the land.

Krier- Spoke about how well reporting went this year. Also said he will be attending WCA training in the near future. He also informed the board about a recent problem with a manure pile that was placed in a wellhead protection area.

LaBrune- Stated that Soil Stewardship week is coming up soon. Informed the board that there is one school who is participating in the 2009 envirothon in May. Also discussed the Poster Contest, Newsletter, and website with the board.

Commissioners:

Butch Miller- Stated that the County board is looking into putting video's of the County Board meetings on their website so that rural residents of the county who do not have public access TV can view the meetings. He also talked about the County SSTS loan program funding which is running low. Stated that the County recently signed a contract with D's Sanitation to reimburse them for mileage to haul commercial cardboard to the tri-county facility since there is currently no market for cardboard.

New Business:**A. J.P.O. Power point Presentation**

Mike & Russ came and presented to the board what they do and what practices were installed in 2008 (Attached)

B. Supervisors Handbook

Discussed going over a section of the handbook each meeting.

C. Rock Co. Letter of Support-

Kyle explained the letter and Spronk made a motion to provide the funding requested by Rock County. Motion seconded by Cunningham. Affirmative: Fritz, Stensgaard, Loll, Spronk, and Cunningham. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

D. Stephanie's Annual Review-

Motion was made by Stensgaard to approve a step increase as of January 2nd her official anniversary date. Motion was then seconded by Spronk. Affirmative: Fritz, Stensgaard, Loll, Spronk, and Cunningham. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

E. Dave Hulstein Ag BMP Request-

Angie presented the proposal to the board and had a discussion on the topic. The board decided to vote; a 2 -3 vote was placed against the proposal. No further discussion was held.

Upcoming Events:

Next Board meeting – March 5th, 2009 at 9:00a.m.

Adjournment:

There being no further business; Chairperson Fritz declared the meeting adjourned.