

*Minutes of the Pipestone Soil and Water Conservation District Meeting
January 8, 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
Jeremy Larson, NRCS
Butch Miller, County Commissioner

Approve Agenda:

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

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Cunningham to approve the minutes of the December 2008 board meeting; seconded by Fritz. Affirmative: Stensgaard, Loll, Fritz, and Cunningham. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

Reports:

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

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

Supervisors:

Fritz – Attended the MASWCD state convention in St. Paul. She also spoke about the Green Acres Resolution that was discussed at the convention.

Loll – Nothing to report

Stensgaard – Also attended the MASWCD state convention. He stated that the motivational speaker did a great job and also talked about the new MASWCD board members.

Cunningham- Also attended the MASWCD state convention. He also talked about the green acres resolution & also about reinstating the state wide poster & video contest that was voted against but ended up passing at the MASWCD meeting that was held in St. Paul.

NRCS:

Purdin- Attended the MASWCD state convention. Reported spending a lot of time working on the audit and discussed some of the reasons why they needed the audit and what was done to repair things. Stated that there will be a new round of EQUIP coming up in 2009 and that March 1st will be the starting date. He also said that he is currently working on sending out final payments to the landowners that have finished contracts. Let everyone know about Cow Calf Days that will be held in Pipestone on February 18th.

Larson- Stated that he helped with the audit and is now working on sending out payments as well.

SWCD:

Raatz- Handed out Cost-Share forms to show which contracts have been paid. She also presented a list of tree plans that she has been working on. Stated that she has been working on a couple feedlot fixes with the J.P.O's. Let the board know that she has been working with the department of agriculture on the disposal of cattle over the age of 30 months. Asked the board to help out with the radio ads, and informed them of the Manure Economics workshop that is being held on the 14th of January.

Krier- Spoke about funding on the Pipestone Creek & Rock River. Said that the Pipestone Creek was not given any money, but the Rock River was given \$120,000 of which they plan to use on load cells and nutrient management plans. Stated that the septic ordinance is to be updated by February 5th 2010. Further discussion was then held on funding septic systems within the county.

LaBrune- Attended the MASWCD Convention. Stated that the spare computer was recently connected to the internet so that Bill Folger from the IT department could help us get us started on our own website.

Commissioners:

Butch Miller- Stated that the County has set a 3.85% tax levy for 2009. Also talked about the \$86,000 state funding cut for Pipestone County. Said that a variance is needed to build the new family services building on Hiawatha Avenue. Talked about the county's 2% C.O.L.A and their pay equity report which turned out good.

New Business:**A. Election of Officers**

Motion made by Cunningham to elect Fritz as chairperson, Stensgaard as Vice Chairperson, Cunningham as Programs, Spronk as Secretary / Treasurer, and Loll as PR & I. Motion Seconded by Stensgaard. Affirmative: Fritz, Stensgaard, Loll, and Cunningham. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

New 2009 chairperson Fritz took over directing the board meeting.

B. Assignment of Committees

A discussion was held and a motion was made by Cunningham to approve the committees as discussed:

Personnel- Fritz & Stensgaard
Conervation & Zoning Liaison- Fritz & Stensgaard
RCRCA- Stensgaard
RC&D- Loll (Primary Member), Spronk (Alternate)

Pipestone Creek- Cunningham & Loll

Rock River- Spronk

S.W. Prairie T.S.A.- Stensgaard

Motion seconded by Loll. Affirmative: Fritz, Stensgaard, Loll, and Cunningham. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

C. Cost of Living Discussion-

Motion made by Cunningham to accept the same 2% cost of living increase that was implemented by the County. Motion seconded by Loll. Affirmative: Fritz, Stensgaard, Loll, and Cunningham. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

D. 2009 Federal Mileage Rate Discussion-

Discussion was held on the topic and a motion was made by Loll to accept the 2009 Federal mileage rate of 0.55 with the motion being seconded by Cunningham. Affirmative: Fritz, Stensgaard, Loll, and Cunningham. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

E. 2008 Pay Equity Report-

District manager Krier presented the pay equity report. Stensgaard then made a motion to accept the report as presented and Cunningham seconded the motion. Affirmative: Fritz, Stensgaard, Loll, and Cunningham. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

Upcoming Events:

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

Adjournment:

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

Cal Spronk, Secretary