

*Minutes of the Pipestone Soil and Water Conservation District Meeting
July 14, 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
Eric Kor, Conservation Corp. Summer Intern
Harold Miller, County Commissioner
Jerry Purdin, NRCS
Dave Dockter, NRCS

Approve Agenda:

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

Approval of Minutes:

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

Approval of Financial Report & Bills:

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

Reports:

Supervisors:

Loll – Attended RC&D meeting in Slayton. He said that they are still looking for other funding sources.

Cunningham – Attended Area V in Luverne, he talked about dam removal. Said that he will have a state board meeting in early July to take care of resolutions and also said that he will be attending a committee meeting soon concerning resolutions & policies.

Spronk- Attended Area V. He also talked about dam removal due to them causing deaths. He also talked about a feedlot that was fixed in Rock County that they toured during the Area V meeting he was happy to see the improvement and learn how little it cost to fix the runoff problem.

J. LaBrune- Attended Area V and SWPTSA meeting. She said that both Mike and Russ got pay increases and new computers. She also said that they approved their 2012 budget at the meeting.

Fritz- Attended Area V said LeAnn with MASWCD had a good report. She said she really liked the rain garden that they toured. She also said that she attended women's day along with 2 people from Pipestone County.

New Business:

- A. Federal Mileage Increase-
 - a. Spronk made a motion to approve the new federal mileage rate to 55.5 cents per mile Loll seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

- B. Return of 2010 unallocated State Cost-Share Funds to BWSR
 - a. Spronk made a motion to send back the \$1,421.50 unallocated state cost-share funds to BWSR. Fritz seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

- C. Angie's Review
 - a. Kyle went over and suggested a step increase. Spronk made a motion to approve the step increase retroactive as of June 6th. Loll seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

- D. Flex Agreement
 - a. Kyle said that he had the County HR person go over the agreement and said that she had no issues or concerns with signing the agreement. Spronk made a motion to sign the flex agreement. Fritz seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

- E. County Fair representation
 - a. Staff said that they are not planning on having a manned booth this year and that they are planning on placing rain barrels at the fairgrounds and are also planning on building a rain garden at the fair too.

Office Reports:

NRCS:

Purdin – announced that fact sheets on how to file a claim in regards to the USDA Discrimination settlement for Hispanics, women, Native Americans, and African Americans are available at the USDA office. Other information that was reported by Jerry is in an attachment.

Dockter – Said that he helped Jeremy Larson design 2 basin projects with a total of 17 basins.

SWCD:

Krier – Talked about the HHW Building and renewing the recycling contract. Told the board that the office can now access new lidar imagery. Said that the opportunity to apply for clean water grants will be coming up soon. He also said that on August 25th from 11-2 the office will be having a 1 day clinic to test you water for nitrates.

Stephanie LaBrune – Has been busy working on getting things back in order from her time off.

Angie Raatz- Said she's had some interest in trees and that she thought EQIP would be a good funding source for that. Angie also attended the cattleman's tour in

Worthington. Told the board that the Day Camp that was scheduled for today has been postponed to next Thursday due to the rain today.

Commissioner Report:

Harold Miller- Talked about the state shutdown and said that the county would be able to operate 3-6 months on reserve if need be. He also thanked Jerry and Kyle for the article that they put in the paper about him.

Events:

Next Board Meeting – August 11, 9:00 a.m.

Adjournment:

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

_____ Anna Mae Fritz, Secretary