

***Minutes of the Pipestone Soil and Water Conservation District Meeting
July 3, 2008, 9:00 a.m. at the District Office, Pipestone, Minnesota***

Members Present:

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

Members Absent: Ian Cunningham, Secretary/Treasurer

Others Present:

Kyle Krier, Administrator
Angie Raatz, SWCD Conservationist
Stephanie LaBrune, Administrative Assistant
Jeremy Larson, NRCS
Butch Miller, County Commissioner

Approve Agenda:

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

Approval of Minutes:

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

Reports:

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

Motion by Spronk, seconded by Fritz to approve the financial report.

Affirmative: Loll, Fritz, Stensgaard, Spronk. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Fritz, seconded by Stensgaard to approve the payment of bills.

Affirmative: Spronk, Fritz, Loll, Stensgaard. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

Supervisor's:

Stensgaard – Attended an RCRCAs as well as a Joint Powers meeting in June. At the JPO meeting there was a decision made to shrink the total number of areas down to 8. Also, reported that Angie Raatz and Jeremy Larson fixed the fence that was broken at the Minet Dam.

Spronk – Nothing to report

Loll – Attended the Area V meeting where he learned from Bill Hunt that Minnesota is ranked number 3 for funding in Equip. The only 2 states that get a higher amount are California and Texas.

Fritz – Attended the Area V meeting. She also announced that on September 3rd there will be a legislative meeting in Redwood Falls.

NRCS:

Larson- Introduced NRCS' summer intern Rachel Christiansen. Attended a D.C. Tech meeting June 30th, where he learned that there will be a lot of things changing. Also, stated that August 2nd is the first day that people can start haying and grazing CRP.

SWCD:

LaBrune- Attended the Area V Meeting as well as the MASWCD summer conference.

Raatz- Talked to the board about a project with Brad Kruisselbrink she is working on. Also, stated that she has been working on septic systems and that there are some new rules that go along with them.

Krier- Stated that there are a lot of things going on, and that he has been working on weed inspections.

Others:

Harold (Butch) Miller- Stated that the county is going to have a levy limit of 3.9 and that they are trying to take extra steps to conserve money, like reducing the amount of fuel used and other things. Also, said that there is a proposed 0% cost of living increase this year, and that any vacancies and new hires within the county will need to be approved by the board first.

Old Business:

A. Matting Maching- Discussed –

Spronk made the motion to purchase the New matting machine with the estimated cost of \$4,000 Stensgaard seconded it. Affirmative: Fritz, Stensgaard, Loll, and Spronk. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

B. Drill Charge- Discussed

Spronk made the motion to raise the drill charge to \$9 per acre and to give a discount to the producers who have a lot of acres to seed. Fritz seconded it. Affirmative: Fritz, Stensgaard, Loll, and Spronk. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

New Business:

A. Angie Raatz's Review- Discussed

- Motion made by Fritz to move Angie from level 9J to 10K, motion seconded by Spronk. Affirmative: Fritz, Stensgaard, Loll, and Spronk. Oppose: none. Motion carried.
- B. Stephanie LaBrune's Review – discussed
Motion made by Stensgaard to give Stephanie a full time position and to move her from 2007 level 8K to 2008 level 8K, motion seconded by Spronk. Affirmative: Fritz, Stensgaard, Loll, and Spronk. Oppose: none. Motion carried.
- C. Talent Show at State Convention –
Discussed to see if anyone would be interested in participating.
No Motion made.
- D. Budget Review 2009- Discussed
Krier stated that there will need to be changes made as discussed to the 2009 budget. No Motion was made. However; Stensgaard made the motion to increase the SWCD board per diem rates to: regular board meetings - \$50, all day meetings - \$75, out of county meetings - \$75. Motion Seconded by Spronk. Affirmative: Fritz, Stensgaard, Loll, and Spronk. Oppose: none. Motion carried.
- E. Direct Deposit- Discussed
No Motion made.
- F. Mileage rate- Discussed
Motion made by Stensgaard to go along with the county increase from .505 / mile to .585 / mile; motion seconded by Fritz. Affirmative: Fritz, Stensgaard, Loll, and Spronk. Oppose: none. Motion carried.
- G. Well Contract- Discussed
Stensgaard made the motion to sign the contract and Spronk seconded the motion. Affirmative: Fritz, Stensgaard, Loll, and Spronk. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

Upcoming Events:

Next Board meeting – August 7th, 2008 at 9:00a.m.

Adjournment:

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

Cal Spronk, Acting Secretary