

*Minutes of the Pipestone Soil and Water Conservation District Meeting
July 8, 2010, 9:00 a.m. at the District Office, Pipestone, Minnesota*

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

Kyle Krier, SWCD Office Administrator

Others Present:

Stephanie LaBrune, SWCD Admin. Assistant
Angie Raatz, SWCD Conservationist
Jerry Purdin, NRCS
Harold (Butch) Miller, County Commissioner
Deb Fitzgerald, Pipestone Star
Gary Watson, NRCS

Approve Agenda:

Motion by Cunningham; seconded by Fritz to approve agenda. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Loll to approve the minutes of the June 2010 board meeting; the motion was then seconded by Spronk. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

Approval of Financial Report & Bills:

Copies of the financial report and bills were reviewed. Motion made by Cunningham, seconded by Spronk to approve the financial report & bills for June. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

Reports:

Supervisors:

Loll – Nothing to report

Cunningham- Talked about the SWCD's helping on the Dam project in Canby and said there was a pretty good turnout at the area V meeting. He also went on to talk about the water management summit that he, Kyle Krier, Jerry Remund, & Butch Miller will be attending next week.

Spronk- Attended the Area V meeting in Canby; he said he was impressed with the work that they have done in that area. He talked about a Fin that he seen while on the tour, he said that a fin is basically a bog on the top of a hill. He also learned that a lot of our rural water comes from that area of the state. He thought the most impressive part of the tour was learning how all of the different entities worked together on the dam project.

Stensgaard- talked a little bit about his knowledge of the Del Clark dam. He said that it was initiated by the yellow medicine watershed district. He also attended an RCRCA meeting this month, he said that main topic of discussion was letting their part-time bookkeeper go so that they can hire a full-time bookkeeper due to the workload. Leroy also said that he attended a T.S.A. meeting and was happy because the T.S.A. has not gotten their budget cut this year.

Fritz- Attended women's day in Marshall on the 16th, she said there were speakers there from the DNR & Other Districts. She said they learned about the emerald ash borer, fruit trees, pruning, recycling, and Identifying trees. She also attended Area V where she learned a lot about the flood problem that they used to have in Canby.

New Business:

A. District Audit Bid

LaBrune explained that she had received a bid from Kinner & Company to do the 2009 District Audit. Discussion was held with the board on the 2009 district audit bid. Loll made a motion to accept Kinner & Company's bid to do the 2009 district audit. Cunningham seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

B. State Budget Overview

LaBrune passed out Minnesota State Budget sheets to the board to look over. Cunningham explained that with the State Deficit, the general fund could possibly be cut, and that is where the district gets a lot of its money. No further comments were made.

C. SWCD In-Kind Towards NRCS

LaBrune explained to the board that there was a request made by the NRCS to have each district put together a cost estimate sheet of their contributions towards the NRCS for a year and handed out a copy of the contribution sheet to each of the board members. Gary Watson explained to the board why he wanted this information from each district and the board held a small discussion on the topic. Loll made a motion to approve the contribution sheet and send it on to the area office, Fritz seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

D. District Budget overview

LaBrune passed out the proposed 2011 budget information to the board. A small discussion was held on the 2011 budget. No motion made.

E. Personnel Committee report

Cunningham explained that at the last board meeting it was determined that there be a personnel committee that comes together by the end of the year to possibly make changes to the employee benefit plan. Cunningham said that this is just a reminder that that needs to be done by the end of the year. Cunningham asked if the staff had any further comments, which no one did.

F. Fair Booth

LaBrune passed out a signup sheet for the board to fill out. Each board member will have 1 or 2 nights where they will man the fair booth.

Office Reports:**NRCS:**

Purdin- Report attached.

SWCD:

LaBrune- Attended Women's day, and Area V. Has been working on the fair PowerPoint presentation.

Raatz- talked about CWL SSTS grant money. She said that Kyle recently sent in an application to receive grant funds from 9 more septic systems. She said that she is also planning to apply for 2 feedlot fixes.

Commissioner Report:

Butch- Talked about an RC&D meeting that he went to. Said that the district should look into submitting a mini grant to receive up to \$1000. He also talked about a truth in taxation meeting that was recently held for landowners to ask questions about their property taxes.

Upcoming Events:

Next Board meeting – August 12th at 9:00a.m.

Adjournment:

There being no further business; chairman Stensgaard declared the meeting adjourned.

Ed Loll, Secretary