

*Minutes of the Pipestone Soil and Water Conservation District Meeting  
March 10, 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, SWCD Administrator  
Stephanie LaBrune, SWCD Administrative Assistant  
Angie Raatz, SWCD Conservationist  
Jerry Purdin, NRCS District Conservationist  
Harold Miller, County Commissioner  
David Dockter, NRCS  
Gary Watson, NRCS  
Kurt Halfmann, NRCS  
Deb Fitzgerald, Editor Star Paper

**Approve Agenda:**

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

**Approval of Minutes:**

Motion by Loll to approve the minutes of the February 2011 board meeting, with the change to Miller's report reflecting that the County Hwy. Dept. exceeded their quarterly budget and not their annual budget. The motion was then seconded by Fritz. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

**Approval of Financial Report & Bills:**

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

**Reports:**

**Supervisors:**

Loll – Nothing to Report.

Cunningham- Attended the Area V meeting as well as Legislative Day. He talked about the state's budget with the rest of the board.

Spronk- Attended Area V and said that he liked Jeff Strocks Presentation on Drainage.

J. LaBrune- Nothing to report.

Fritz- Attended Area V and Legislative Day.

**New Business:**

A. Rescheduling April Board meeting

Due to the rural clean-up collections, and staff being out, Fritz made a motion to reschedule the April Board meeting to April 21<sup>st</sup>. Loll seconded the motion.

Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

B. 2010 Cost-Share Project Approval

Tree Cost-Share Hubbling

Raatz asked the board for the approval to utilize \$3,952 of 2010 state cost-share funds for a farmstead windbreak for Steve Hubbling, Contract# 1-10Hubbling.

Raatz said that the total cost of the project is \$6255. Loll made a motion to approve the 2010 cost-share funds for contract # 1-10Hubbling for \$3,952. Fritz seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

C. District Tree Shed

The board discussed the different tree shed options that are available such as location and building with the county. After the discussion, the board came to the agreement to have the chair & vice chair form a building committee to further discuss the tree shed and bring any recommendations back to the rest of the board.

**Office Reports:**

**NRCS:**

Purdin- Passed out a progress report and went over it. (Report attached)

Watson- Talked about some budget issues that are happening with the RC&D, he also talked about a lawsuit that the USDA is having with Hispanics & Women. He said that they have received 71 WRP applications in the area. He also stressed that the NRCS is developing an appointment system to eliminate people from having to wait when they have an appointment scheduled with NRCS staff.

Dockter- Nothing to report

**SWCD:**

Krier- Talked with the board about the rain garden training that he and Raatz went to and discussed possibly holding a training session at an Area V meeting. He also let the board know that the Envirothon was cancelled due to the small number of teams that signed up, but was then decided by the northern Area counties to continue to host the event. He attended an SSTS meeting with the City of Trosky who is looking at different sewage treatment alternatives. He also gave Raatz & LaBrune credit for all of the work that they have been getting done.

Raatz- talked about the different trainings and meetings that she has been putting on. She also said that Rock County is working on paying out the incentives to people who signed up for the Rock River incentive programs.

S. LaBrune- Has been busy trying to get reporting done and things caught up before Mavis takes over.

**Commissioner Report:**

Harold Miller- Said that the County received a \$100,000 grant to preserve & restore the Courthouse. He also said that so far out of the 5 unions in the county only 3 of them have settled. He said that he and 2 other commissioners will be going to legislative day at the capitol.

**Upcoming Events:**

Next Board meeting – April 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:00a.m.

**Adjournment:**

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

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Anna Mae Fritz, Secretary