

***Minutes of the Pipestone Soil and Water Conservation District Meeting
May 7, 2009, 9:00 a.m. at the District Office, Pipestone, Minnesota***

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

Others Present:

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

Approve Agenda:

Motion by Stensgaard; seconded by Cunningham to approve agenda with adding T.S.A in New Business category. Affirmative: Loll, Stensgaard, Fritz, Spronk, and Cunningham. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Spronk to approve the minutes of the April 2009 board meeting, the motion was then seconded by Loll to approve the minutes as corrected. Affirmative: Loll, Stensgaard, Fritz, Spronk, and Cunningham. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

Approval of Financial Report & Bills:

Copies of the financial report and bills were reviewed. Krier gave an update to the board about working with Taubert on the accounting and missing an important deadline with the year end reporting. Motion made by Cunningham, seconded by Spronk to approve the financial report & bills for April. Affirmative: Loll, Stensgaard, Fritz, Spronk, and Cunningham. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

Reports:

Supervisors:

Fritz – Nothing to report

Loll – Attended an RC&D meeting in Slayton. Said that they have \$20,000 to get obligated, and also stated that the organization got a new Secretary/Treasurer.

Cunningham- Discussed the June Area V meeting that is going to be held in Pipestone.

Spronk- Nothing to report

Stensgaard- RCRC is financially set for the year, but next year the budgets may be tough. Also, they have had 1 request for water retention basin.

New Business:

A. Ecology Bus

A discussion was held between the board and staff members on hiring out the ecology bus to set up for 2 days at the county fair instead of having conservation & zoning booth. Cunningham made a motion to approve approximately \$1,200.00 toward the cost of the ecology bus. Spronk seconded the motion. Affirmative: Loll, Stensgaard, Fritz, Spronk, and Cunningham. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

B. Trailer Purchase

A discussion was held with the board on purchasing a trailer for spring tree planting and matting. Raatz explained to the board that she has been currently borrowing the county highway department's trailer and would like them to consider purchasing one for the district due to scheduling conflicts with the county highway department. A motion was made by Cunningham to table the discussion to a later date until there is an exact trailer in mind to purchase. Spronk seconded the motion. Affirmative: Fritz, Stensgaard, Loll, Spronk, and Cunningham. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

C. T.S.A.

Krier explained to the board that the T.S.A. has picked up an extra county and that the board needs to make a motion for Stensgaard to be a valid signature and represent the board at any upcoming T.S.A. meetings. There was also a discussion held on the placement of the T.S.A. staff. Stensgaard then passed around a docket of the projects that the T.S.A. has been assigned so far this year. Cunningham made a motion to authorize Stensgaard to make and signatures needed. Loll seconded the motion. Affirmative: Fritz, Stensgaard, Loll, Spronk, and Cunningham. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

Office Reports:

NRCS:

Purdin- Talked about the 2009 EQIP signup and the projects that have been requested. Purdin also talked about attending training. (Report Attached)

SWCD:

Krier- Attended the Heron Lake Watershed district meeting and talked with the board about the TMDL process that they will be going through since Pipestone has a small portion of the county that is in the watershed district.

LaBrune- Talked about the Envirothon and the poster and mural contest results.

Raatz- Has been busy matting Trees, and also stated that she has tree sign ups coming in already for next year.

Commissioners:

Butch Miller- Talked about the new family services building as well a union negotiation that the board is having with the County law enforcement. There was also discussion held regarding a meeting that was held recently between the city of Pipestone and the County.

Upcoming Events:

Next Board meeting – June 18, 2009 at 9:00a.m.

Adjournment:

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

Cal Spronk, Secretary