

***Minutes of the Pipestone Soil and Water Conservation District Meeting  
October 8, 2009, 9:00 a.m. at the District Office, Pipestone, Minnesota***

**Members Present:**

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

**Others Present:**

Angie Raatz, SWCD Conservationist  
Harold Miller, County Commissioner  
Jeremy Larson NRCS

**Approve Agenda:**

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

**Approval of Minutes:**

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

**Approval of Financial Report & Bills:**

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

**Reports:**

**Supervisors:**

Loll – Attended RCRCA meeting. At this meeting they approved a 15 month future for planning, and committing of monies for projects.

Cunningham- Attended NRCS cover crop field day. Helped out with the HHW collection.

Sponk- Nothing to report

Stensgaard- Nothing to report

Fritz- Helped out at the HHW collection with getting household signatures, directing traffic flow, and brought food. Attended women's day. She thought the rain garden information was very good. Well worth having again.

**New Business:**

A. Radio contract

Raatz explained radio contract was the same package deal as the previous year, and the rate had stayed at \$1820.00. Cunningham made a motion to authorize payment of the radio contract. Loll seconded the motion. Affirmative: Loll, Spronk, Fritz, Stensgaard and Cunningham. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

B. SWP TSA Amendment

Raatz explained a name change had occurred with what had been previously known as SWCD Group 9 Joint Powers Board & Southwest Joint Powers Organization. They would now be recognized as Southwest Prairie TSA. Cunningham made a motion to accept the name change. Loll seconded the motion. Affirmative: Loll, Spronk, Fritz, Stensgaard and Cunningham. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

C. NACD Membership Dues

Raatz presented the board with the membership dues. It was presented that NACD recommends SWCD's pay 1% of their annual budget as dues. Pipestone SWCD has paid \$1500 the past two years. Cunningham made a motion to authorize payment of NACD membership dues at an amount of \$1500. Loll seconded the motion. Affirmative: Loll, Spronk, Fritz, Stensgaard and Cunningham. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

**Office Reports:**

**NRCS:**

Jeremy reported on CSP, EQIP grazing plans, and nutrient and pest management payments were being made at this time. He also reported on the cover crop field day hosted at his test plot on October 1<sup>st</sup>. Spot checks had also been completed with the area engineer on EQIP projects. He also informed the group that he is now an Area employee.

**SWCD:**

Raatz reported that LaBrune was attending the MACPZA conference. Raatz has been working on several feedlot, and EPA issues. It was also brought up for discussion if the board would be interested in funding tree plantings with State Cost share. Some discussion took place with no decisions made at this time.

**Commissioner:**

Miller- Talked about the Family Services building being 3 weeks from completion. 5.5 is what the current levy is set at with hopes of getting it down to 0. County is having trouble with Manitron system that was purchased for the counties tax system. Patiently waiting for the company to get the program adapted to Minnesota tax system. Currently still using AS 400 which is quite arcaic, and time consuming for current staff.

**Upcoming Events:**

Next Board meeting – November 12, 2009 at 9:00a.m.

Next Area V meeting – November 19, 2009

**Adjournment:**

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

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Ian Cunningham, Programs