

***Minutes of the Pipestone Soil and Water Conservation District Meeting
October 13, 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

Members Absent:

Joyce LaBrune, PR & I

Others Present:

Kyle Krier, Administrator
Stephanie LaBrune, Administrative Assistant
Angie Raatz, Conservationist
Harold Miller, County Commissioner
David Dockter, NRCS
Debra Fitzgerald, Pipestone Star

Approve Agenda:

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

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Loll, seconded by Fritz to approve the minutes of the September 2011 board meeting. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

Approval of Financial Report & Bills:

Motion by Loll, seconded by Spronk to approve the September financial statement.
Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

Reports:

Supervisors:

Loll – Attended and RC&D meeting in Slayton, announced that they hired someone to look into getting grant funds for the RC&D. He said that the RC&D was a sponsor of the Environmental fair this year and heard that it went over very well.

Cunningham – Announced that the State RC&D received a grant from the NRCS. He also said that he & Spronk met with the staff & Kozlowski Insurance to talk about employee insurance.

Spronk- Nothing to report.

Fritz- Nothing to report.

Past Business:

- A. Employee 2012 Health Insurance
 - a. Discussion was held, Spronk made a motion to change the 2012 Health Insurance policy to have a \$1000 deductible instead of a \$500 deductible, with a \$500

contribution payment per month towards the insurance premium from the Pipestone SWCD with the board keeping the FLEX & Life insurance policies the same. Fritz seconded the motion, Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

New Business:

B. Ag BMP

- a. Angie explained to the board that there was a request made from a local producer to utilize the Ag BMP low interest loan to purchase a Skid loader & Pay loader for manure handling. After discussion was held, Spronk made a motion to add pay loaders & skid loaders to the list of approved Ag bmp purchases. The motion then dies for the lack of a second.

C. 2010 Financial Audit

- a. Stephanie passed out copies of the final 2010 District Audit for the boards review. Cunningham suggested that the board waits until the next meeting to approve the final copy of the Audit so that they can have more time to look it over.

D. NACD Dues

- a. Kyle told the board that in the past they have paid \$1500 in dues. The board agreed that the amount should be kept the same. Fritz made a motion to pay \$1500 to the NACD for 2012 dues. Spronk seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

E. MASWCD Resolutions & Convention

- a. Stephanie gave the board the resolution packets and said that their votes need to be into the MASWCD office by November 1st. Cunningham said that one of the resolutions that he thought should be talked about was #8 and he read the resolution with the board. Stephanie also handed out the State MASWCD Convention program and registration form and said that she will need to have registrations & rooms reserved by the 1st as well.

F. Building Committee

- a. Kyle suggested to the board that they have a committee discuss and put together the plans with Angie for a new Tree Shed. After a small discussion, the board chairman appointed Loll & Spronk to be on the building committee.

G. State Cost-Share Payment

- a. Angie announced to the board that the 2011 CWF Feedlot project had been completed and needs to be paid out. Loll made a motion to pay CWF Contract number F-1-2011 for \$177,357 for a Manure Storage Basin and to pay \$30,000 to the S.W.P T.S.A for engineering costs on the project. Fritz seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

H. Cost-Share Program Discussion

- a. Fritz made a motion to approve the 2010 State Cost-Share final report. Spronk seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried. Angie then had a discussion with the board about possibly utilizing some of the reserve dollars on cost-share for tree removal since the July storm caused a lot of damage to trees. Spronk made a motion to pay an additional \$500/acre on cost share projects for tree removal expenses. Fritz seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

Office Reports:

NRCS:

Dockter- Said that he has been looking at possible EQIP projects for 2012. Jerry has over 30 wetland determinations to do, and said that he is also working on making rotational grazing payments.

SWCD:

Krier – Said that he’s been gone most of the month, and said thanks to Angie & Steph for all they’ve done since he’s been gone. He said that he attended a 4 day WCA training that BWSR wanted him to attend since the SWCD now has an agreement with the NRCS.

Stephanie LaBrune –Said that she attended the Environmental Fair and that it went over very well, and there were lots of kids and new presenters there this year.

Angie Raatz- Talked about SSTS, Feedlot construction and new radio ads.

Commissioner Report:

Harold Miller- said that the HHW building plans are almost done and that the costs were up from the original estimate.

Events:

Next Board Meeting – November 10, 9:00 a.m.

Adjournment:

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

_____ Anna Mae Fritz, Secretary