

*Minutes of the Pipestone Soil and Water Conservation District Meeting
April 2, 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

Members Absent:

LeRoy Stensgaard, Vice-Chairman

Others Present:

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

Approve Agenda:

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

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Spronk to approve the minutes of the March 2009 board meeting with a correction being made on the spelling of Landing to Lanning. The motion was then seconded by Loll to approve the minutes as corrected. Affirmative: Loll, Fritz, Spronk, 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 Spronk to approve the financial report & bills for March. Affirmative: Loll, Fritz, Spronk, and Cunningham. Oppose: none.
Motion carried.

Reports:

Supervisors:

Fritz – Nothing to report

Loll – Nothing to report

Cunningham- Nothing to report

Spronk- Nothing to report.

New Business:

A. 2009 Conservation Farmer

A discussion was held between the board and staff members. Loll made a motion to choose Wes & Cary Alderson as the 2009 outstanding conservationists. Spronk seconded the motion. Affirmative: Loll, Fritz, Spronk, and Cunningham. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

B. Water Plan Update

Krier explained to the board that the water plan objectives need to be updated every 5 years and that this year it will need to be done again. Krier stated that he is currently getting input and by June or July they will hold a public hearing on the plan update. The deadline for the update is August 2009.

C. State Cost-Share

A discussion was held with the board to approve 5, 2009 tree plans. Raatz explained to the board that trees will be coming in soon and with no EQIP dollars available yet, she would like to board to delegate approximately \$6,912 or 25% of the cost of each project to the producer.

A motion was made by Loll to approve the following 5 farmstead windbreaks for 25% of their project cost:

Name	Contract Number	Contract Amount	T & A Amount
David Trygstad	2-2009	\$997.00	-
Jon Kozlowski	6-2009	\$3,666.00	-
Dennis Johnson	4-2009	\$917.00	-
Pat Haag	3-2009	\$448.00	-
Margaret Tuinstra	5-2009	\$884.00	-

Cunningham seconded the motion. Affirmative: Fritz, Loll, Spronk, and Cunningham. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

D. Supervisor Handbook Review-

Krier stated that next month each supervisor will be assigned a part of the supervisor's handbook to go over and report back to the rest of the board on a quarterly basis.

E. Area V Meeting

The board and staff discussed the different meeting location options for the summers are V meeting. After the discussion, Cunningham advised that he would make the recommendation to the MASWCD officers to utilize the Minnesota West Campus and the Tuphat Girls KaTering for the summer meeting.

Past Business:

A. Supervisor Handbook Review

Discussion was held to assign various sections of the supervisor's handbook to each board member. Reports on the sections will be brought back to the rest of the board on a quarterly basis during the supervisor monthly reports.

Office Reports:

NRCS:

Purdin- the District Conservationist reviewed NB-130-9-2 processing freedom of information act requests under section 1619 of the Farm Bill. Attachment C has been reviewed and signed by SWCD Employees. The District Conservationist reviewed 1996 Mutual Agreement with SWCD board. Report Attached

SWCD:

Krier- Attended the SWPJPO meeting on the 1st and said that the name of the organization's name has changed to SWPTSA. Spoke about the city of Trosky's septic system. Discussed the WCA rules & procedures with the board and also talked about a situation that came up with a producer and the WCA rules. The County Board advised each department to try and cut 5% for their 2009 budgets. Stated that there was a Wind Tower CUP hearing held recently.

LaBrune- Received the posters & murals back from the 5th & 6th grade Pipestone County students and sent the winning posters to Marshall so that they can be judged for the area contest. Will be attending training on Planning & Zoning on the 8th. She was also asked by the Lincoln SWCD to be a presenter on their April 30th Field Day for their county 4th Graders.

Raatz- Stated that she's got a lot going on; attended a few Pheasants Forever meetings to get a working relationship with them. Talked about Dave Hulstein's Gravel Pit restoration project and asked pheasants forever as well as the US Fish and Wildlife Service for money to put toward the project and discussed doing more upland restoration projects on gravel pits. She attended the Pipestone Pheasants Forever Banquet and had a display there. She stated that the trees will be coming in on the 9th and there will be a tree pick up scheduled for the 10th. She's also lining up a composting tour for some of the local Dairy & Beef producers due to the upcoming rendering issue.

Commissioners:

Butch Miller- Talked about the new family services building and stated that they had approximately 15 contractors attend the bidders meeting. He also talked about the 5% budget cut situation with the county, and working to get money back in the SSTS loan account.

Upcoming Events:

Next Board meeting – May 7, 2009 at 9:00a.m.

Adjournment:

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

Cal Spronk, Secretary