

***Minutes of the Pipestone Soil and Water Conservation District Meeting
August 13, 2009, 9:00 a.m. at the District Office, Pipestone, Minnesota***

Members Present:

Anna Mae Fritz, Chairman
Ian Cunningham, Programs
Ed Loll, PR & I
LeRoy Stensgaard, Vice-Chairman

Members Absent:

Cal Spronk, Secretary/Treasurer

Others Present:

Kyle Krier, SWCD Administrator
Stephanie LaBrune SWCD Administrative Assistant
Angie Raatz, SWCD Conservationist
Jerry Purdin, NRCS District Conservationist
Jeremy Larson, NRCS
Harold Miller, County Commissioner

Approve Agenda:

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

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Loll to approve the minutes of the July 2009 board meeting, the motion was then seconded by Stensgaard. Affirmative: Loll, Stensgaard, Fritz, 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 Loll to approve the financial report & bills for July. Affirmative: Loll, Stensgaard, Fritz, and Cunningham. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

Reports:

Supervisors:

Fritz – Attended 2 water plan meetings.

Loll – Nothing to report.

Cunningham- Attended the supervisors training in St. Cloud, he said the first day there was talk about funding and TMDL's. He also said that there should be a lot of amendment money for SWCD's to get and utilize for projects. He went on to talk about open meeting law a data practices. Ian also mentioned that he attended both of the water plan meetings and also did a radio spot for the fair.

Stensgaard- Attended an RCRC meeting. He said that TMDL's are beginning to be a big deal and said that there has been a lot of discussion on them so far, but nothing has been done yet. He also talked about a meeting that they will be having on TMDL's in Marshall

New Business:

A. 2010 Proposed Budget

Krier explained and said that the budget has been sent to the county board, but the SWCD board needs to make a motion approving the final budget yet. Stensgaard made a motion to approve the final 2010 budget, and Cunningham seconded the motion.

Affirmative: Loll, Stensgaard, Fritz, and Cunningham. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

B. Grant Agreement

Krier explained the grant agreement and said that there needs to be one person designated as the authorized representative for the general services grant. Cunningham made a motion to authorize Kyle Krier as the authorized representative. Stensgaard seconded the motion. Affirmative: Loll, Stensgaard, Fritz, and Cunningham. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

C. Well Sealing Funding Request

Krier explained that there was a bank that foreclosed on a property and in turn agreed to seal 3 wells for the new buyer and wanted cost-share on sealing the wells. After a discussion was held, the request was declined due to lack of a motion.

D. County Trailer

Krier explained that the trailer estimates came in around \$6,000 then asked the board to make a motion on how much they would contribute towards the purchase in turn for using the trailer in the future. Cunningham made a motion to pay 50% of the cost of the trailer, Stensgaard seconded the motion. Affirmative: Stensgaard, Fritz, and Cunningham. Oppose: none. Loll abstained from voting. Motion carried.

E. General Board Discussion

Krier told the board that he had talked with Cunningham about the things that he had learned at the supervisors training in St. Cloud, and wanted Krier to find out the county's policy on data privacy. Krier explained that he had not heard back from the County human resource person yet on how they handle personnel files and will find out and let the board know their process at the next board meeting. No motion made.

F. Redwood River Update

Krier talked about pursuing money for the Pipestone Creek and Rock River TMDL's and possibly going with other counties to apply for the Missouri river basin grant dollars. Further discussion was held. No motion made.

G. Ag BMP Requests

A. Rod Schulze

Raatz explained to the board that Rod is doing an expansion of his dairy and also is improving his feedlot. She said that the projects are going to be expensive, and so they have asked to borrow \$100,000 through first farmers and merchants bank. She also

explained that there is currently a capacity of \$50,000 set with the program, so she would like the board to make an exception since the project is going to help both Rod and his son Devin. Loll made a motion to approve \$100,000 of Ag BMP funding dollars to the Schulze Dairy Farm. Cunningham seconded the motion. Affirmative: Loll, Stensgaard, Fritz, and Cunningham. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

B. Gordon Dyke

Angie explained the \$35,000 project to the board. No motion made/needed.

H. Board Meeting Dates

The board held a brief discussion on changing the regular board meetings to the second Thursday of each month instead of the first Thursday of each month. Loll made a motion to change all further board meeting dates to the second Thursday of each month and the motion was seconded by Cunningham. Affirmative: Loll, Stensgaard, Fritz, and Cunningham. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

Office Reports:

NRCS:

Purdin- Provided a handout to the board and discussed the new CSP program with them.

Larson- Said there is a big rotational grazing project going in soon, and also talked a little bit about the 2 basins that Rod & Devin Schulze are putting in.

SWCD:

Krier- talked about the water plan update and the public meeting that was held. He said that the plan will be going to BWSR for approval. He also talked about the recycling center and the concrete that is being placed in front of the building.

LaBrune- Attended an administrative assistant training day that was put on by the SW/WC Service Cooperative and explained some of the things that were discussed at the training.

Raatz- said that she is currently working on re registering all of the feedlots within Pipestone County. She said Merle Zeinstra is currently working on his feedlot fix, and that Brinkmeyer's is almost done. She continued on to talk about other projects that are going on within the county, and said that she also has been working on a few tree plans as well.

Commissioner:

Miller- Said that MCIT is giving the County back a refund of \$104,000. He talked about the construction of the family services building and the fiber optic line that will be put in connecting the Courthouse with family services and the City building. He also talked about starting the 2010 budget process.

Upcoming Events:

Next Board meeting – September 10, 2009 at 9:00a.m.

Adjournment:

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

Ian Cunningham, Programs