

*Minutes of the Pipestone Soil and Water Conservation District Meeting  
December 4, 2008, 9:00 a.m. at the District Office, Pipestone, Minnesota*

**Members Present:**

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

**Members Absent:**

None

**Others Present:**

Kyle Krier, SWCD Administrator  
Stephanie LaBrune SWCD Administrative Assistant  
Angie Raatz, SWCD Conservationist  
Jeremy Larson, NRCS  
Butch Miller, County Commissioner  
Luke Johnson, County Commissioner  
Matt Taubert, Meulebroeck, Taubert & Co., PLLP

**Approve Agenda:**

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

**Approval of Minutes:**

Motion by Fritz to approve the minutes of the October 2008 board meeting; seconded by Cunningham. Affirmative: Stensgaard, Loll, Fritz, and Cunningham. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

**Reports:**

**Treasurer's:** Copies of the financial report and bills were reviewed.

Motion made by Cunningham, seconded by Stensgaard to approve the financial report.  
Affirmative: Loll, Fritz, Stensgaard, and Cunningham. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

**Supervisors:**

Spronk- Attended an Area V meeting as well as the EQIP local work group meeting. Cal was also elected as PR&I at the Area V meeting.

Stensgaard – Attended an RCRCRA meeting and stated that the RCRCRA was having an audit done.

Loll – Nothing to report

Fritz – Attended an Area V meeting as well as the EQIP local work group meeting.

Cunningham- Attended an Area V meeting as well as the EQIP local work group meeting. Spoke about realigning the SWCD area's within the state and presented a map of the change in areas. The new map showed 10 areas instead of the 14 current areas.

**NRCS:**

Larson- Reported on the national audit that is in progress regarding the EQIP program. Larson also reported that Jerry Purdin is currently at the NRCS Area office in Marshall working on the audit.

**SWCD:**

Raatz- Stated that there are a lot of tree prospects out there, but not too many of them have come in the office to order trees yet. The matting machine will be delivered around Christmas time. The Brillion drill was fixed at no cost, but the company said that the SWCD needs to be stricter on the customers that use the drill. The SWCD pick-up is also at Flandreau Motors getting fixed.

Krier- Attended a Clean Water Legacy Amendment meeting and said that BWSR is taking input on how money should get spent and who shall get the money.

LaBrune- Stated that the SWCD fall 2008 newsletter has been sent out to the rural residents. The SWCD is sponsoring a craft for the Santa's Workshop that is going to be held the 6<sup>th</sup> by the 4-H. The craft sponsored is a pinecone birdfeeder that the kids will make and give to their parents for Christmas. There will also be a coloring contest page that is handed out at the workshop for kids to bring back to the office and get a prize.

**Commissioners:**

Butch Miller- Stated that the County is still looking to find a new gravel source. Spoke about the Dick Hasse trial on November 18<sup>th</sup>. Invited everyone to attend the tax meeting that is being held tonight to let people know where their tax dollars are going. The family services building plan is still moving forward.

Luke Johnson- Recently applied for 3 government boards. Also gave a word of thanks to the SWCD board for all of the support that they have given him in the past.

**New Business:****A. 2007 Audit Presentation- Matt Taubert**

Taubert gave a brief presentation stating that there was nothing that needed to be changed on the 2007 books and that Carol Pantekoek did a good job as clerk. Motion made by Cunningham to approve the 2007 Audit Report as presented by Taubert, motion seconded by Fritz. Affirmative: Fritz, Stensgaard, Loll, and Cunningham. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

**B. Mike Fruechte & Kevin Zylstra Ag BMP funding request-**

Motion made by Cunningham approve Fruechte's equipment purchase, motion seconded by Fritz. Affirmative: Fritz, Stensgaard, Loll, and Cunningham. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Cunningham approve Zylstra's equipment purchase, motion seconded by Fritz. Affirmative: Fritz, Spronk, Loll, and Cunningham. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

Board also made a new verbal policy stating that non residents of Pipestone County will receive lower priority for Ag BMP loans.

**C. Native Buffer Grant Discussion-**

There was discussion on the grant program and it was decided keep the money until spring 2009 & then hold further discussion on whether or not to send the money back. No motion was made.

D. Fish & Wildlife Service Funds Discussion-

Discussion was held on the topic stating that there is \$5,000 available through the Fish & Wildlife Service, but no motion was made.

E. State Cost-Share-

Discussion was held on the contracts that are completed.

Richard Imhoff

Motion made by Stensgaard to pay Richard Imhoff a final payment of \$432 out of District Funds for contract #4-2006, motion seconded by Spronk. Affirmative: Fritz, Stensgaard, Loll, and Cunningham. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Cunningham to recommend approval on project and send on to RCRCA for final payment of \$2167.48, motion seconded by Spronk. Affirmative: Fritz, Stensgaard, Loll, and Cunningham. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

Harold Jasper

Motion made by Spronk to pay the final payment to Harold out the 2007 state cost-share funds for contract # 3-2007 in the amount \$4,517.12, motion seconded by Cunningham. Affirmative: Fritz, Stensgaard, Loll, and Cunningham. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Fritz to finalize Harold Jasper's contract #2-2006. No cost-share was paid on the seeding due to expiration of contract, motion seconded by Spronk. Affirmative: Fritz, Stensgaard, Loll, and Cunningham. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

Bert Welgraven

Motion made by Spronk to pursue RCRCA to see if they will pay Bert's final seeding bill for the amount of \$94.50. If RCRCA does not agree to pay the bill the funds are to come from District funds, motion seconded by Cunningham. Affirmative: Fritz, Stensgaard, Loll, and Cunningham. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

Ron Raatz

Motion made by Cunningham to amend Raatz's contract so that he will receive 75% cost-share on his project (\$3,051.55 final payment). The payment will come from the 2008 cost-share fund for contract #3-2008. Motion seconded by Stensgaard. Affirmative: Fritz, Stensgaard, Loll, and Cunningham. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

Phillip Anderson

Received a cancellation letter from Phillip to cancel his contract due to EQIP funding which was 80% of his project.

Verlyn DeWilde

Received a cancellation letter from Verlyn to cancel his contract due to EQIP funding which was over 75% of his project.

Ray Pierson

Motion made by Stensgaard to pay Ray a final payment of \$363.59 from 2007 state cost-share funds on contract #6-2007, motion seconded by Spronk. Affirmative: Fritz, Stensgaard, Loll, and Cunningham. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

Bill Stueck

Motion made by Spronk to pay Bill a final payment of \$25,502.00 on contract #F2-2008 out of the 2008 FWQG, motion seconded by Cunningham. Affirmative: Fritz, Stensgaard, Loll, and Cunningham. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

Gallen Keller

Motion made by Spronk to pay Gallen a final payment of \$18,233.40 on contract #2-2007 out of State cost-share funds from 2007, motion seconded by Cunningham. Affirmative: Fritz, Stensgaard, Loll, and Cunningham. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

Scott Brecher

Motion made by Fritz to approve contracts #4-2008 in the amount of \$22,128.00 for 75% of the total eligible cost or whichever is less. \$6,825.60 will come from the 2008 state cost-share funds and 15,302.40 will come from the 2009 state cost-share funds. Motion seconded by Cunningham. Affirmative: Fritz, Stensgaard, Loll, and Cunningham. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

**Upcoming Events:**

Next Board meeting – January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 9:00a.m.

**Adjournment:**

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

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Ian Cunningham, Secretary