

***Minutes of the Pipestone Soil and Water Conservation District Meeting  
January 14, 2010, 9:00 a.m. at the District Office, Pipestone, Minnesota***

**Members Present:**

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

**Others Present:**

Kyle Krier, Administrator  
Angie Raatz, SWCD Conservationist  
Stephanie LaBrune, SWCD Admin. Assistant  
Jerry Purdin, NRCS  
Harold (Butch) Miller, County Commissioner

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

**Reports:**

**Supervisors:**

Loll – No Report.

Cunningham- Just returned from a meeting in St. Cloud & also talked about the area v meeting that is coming up, along with legislative day.

Spronk- Attended Area V

Stensgaard- Went to the RCRCA & Area V meetings and talked about the legislative session that they had during the RCRCA meeting.

Fritz- Attended both the Rock Co. meeting in Edgerton, and the Area V.

**New Business:**

A. Election of Officers / Committee Assignments

Went through the election of Officers and Ian made a motion to approve the attached Board & Committee positions sheet that they office staff provided. Spronk seconded the motion; all approved, none opposed.

B. Federal Mileage / Perdiem Rates

Krier explained that the Federal Mileage rate has decreased for 2010 to .50 per mile. Cunningham made a motion to keep the mileage rate the same as the federal rate and decrease it from .55 to .50 per mile and also keep the perdiem rates at \$50 per regular board meeting and \$75 per out of county or all day meeting. The motion was seconded by Spronk; all approved, none opposed.

C. Cost of Living

Krier explained that the SWCD normally goes with the counties policy on the cost of living increase. This year the county is going with a 0% cost of living adjustment. Spronk made a motion to pass a 0% COLA, Loll seconded the motion; all approved, none opposed.

D. Stephanie's Review

Krier discussed Stephanie's annual review with the board and suggested a step increase and a discussion was held. Loll made a motion to approve a step increase for 2010 and Spronk seconded the motion; all approved, none opposed.

E. District Vehicle

Discussion was held on purchasing a pickup to be used for planting trees. No specific price was given on purchasing a new pickup, but there was talk about possibly selling the 2006 Ford F150 to the County. Harold Miller, county commissioner stated that he would bring that proposal back to the rest of the commissioners for discussion. Raatz also agreed to get a final price quote for a new ¾ ton pickup. Discussion set to continue at the next SWCD board meeting.

F. Conservation Farmer Presentation

Conservation Farmers Wes, Lana, & Cary Alderson's were present to receive an award from the District office for being the 2009 Conservation Farmers of Pipestone County. The award was a metal sign with the winner's last name on it.

**Office Reports:****NRCS:**

Purdin – report attached

**SWCD:**

Krier- Talked a little bit about the contractors meeting that the office is going to hold soon as well as a public hearing that was recently held on updating the SSTS ordinance. Said the office is currently working on year end reports and updates.

Raatz- Working with SSTS & Ag BMP loans. Invited the board to come to the EQIP Work group meeting. Talked about a meeting that was held in Edgerton last week on the RIM program for people that have land in the Edgerton Well head. Said that tree sales are starting to pick up a little bit, but are still down quite a bit since last year. Also said that there will be a contractors meeting coming up.

LaBrune- Is working on cleaning up things for the 2009 year end as well as closing out the books for 2009. Has the MCIT, PERA, SSTS, & Census Bureau year end reports done so far and is working on the larger reports yet.

**Commissioner Report:**

Butch- Talked about the county budget and the 3.5% tax levy. Stated that there were many ag producers that attended the truth in taxation meeting, due to land taxes increasing. Announced that family services have moved into their new building and said that other staff will be moving to the courthouse basement to make room for a mail room on the main level of the courthouse.

**Upcoming Events:**

Next Board meeting – February 11th at 9:00a.m.

**Adjournment:**

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

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Ed Loll, Secretary