

***Minutes of the Pipestone Soil and Water Conservation District Meeting
March, 6, 2008, 9:00 a.m. at the District Office, Pipestone, Minnesota***

Members Present:

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

Members Absent: None

Others Present:

Kyle Krier, Administrator
Angie Raatz, SWCD Conservationist
Carol Pantekoek, Clerk
Stephanie LaBrune, Administrative Assistant
Jerry Purdin, District Conservationist
Jeremy Larson, Soil Conservation Technician

Approve Agenda:

Motion by Spronk seconded by Cunningham to approve agenda as amended. Affirmative: Spronk, Stensgaard, Loll, Fritz, Cunningham. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Cunningham, seconded by Fritz to approve the minutes of the January 2008 board meeting as amended. Affirmative: Spronk, Cunningham, Stensgaard, Loll, Fritz. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

Reports:

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

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

Motion by Cunningham, seconded by Spronk to approve the payment of bills.
Affirmative: Spronk, Fritz, Cunningham, Loll, Stensgaard. Oppose: none.
Motion carried.

Supervisor's:

Stensgaard – Attended RCRCA meeting – had a field day;
Spronk – Attended Feedlot meeting at Dar's pizza.
Loll – Attended Feedlot meeting at Dar's pizza.

Cunningham – Attended rain garden meeting, Area V meeting, Feedlot meeting, & Legislative day at the capitol.

Fritz – Attended Rock TMDL meeting, along with an Area V meeting.

NRCS:

Jerry – There are 97 active EQIP contracts for 2008, with 16 new contracts. 4 of the new contracts are strip till, 3 trees, and 9 engineering, 4 of the applications have not been funded yet but are being worked towards. Also, CRP will be coming out for a lot of people. NRCS will be having a part time WE, Rachel Christiansen this summer, she will be working with Pipestone, Murray, & Nobles counties.

Jeremy- State Cost-share contract, added line at the bottom stating that it is the landowners responsibility to pay the contractor at the time of project completion. Motion by Cunningham, seconded by Spronk to approve the addition to the state cost-share form. Affirmative: Loll, Fritz, Cunningham, Stensgaard, Spronk. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

Old Business:

A. Mission Statement- discussed –

Motion by Cunningham, seconded by Fritz to approve a mission statement at the April board meeting. Affirmative: Spronk, Cunningham, Stensgaard, Fritz, Loll. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

B. Jim Evans state cost-share – discussed

Motioned by Stensgaard, and seconded by Spronk to approve up to 75% state cost-share not to exceed \$20,000 for manure storage pit. Affirmative: Spronk, Cunningham, Stensgaard, Fritz, Loll. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

New Business:

A. 2007 Financial Report- discussed

Motioned by Fritz, seconded by Cunningham to accept the 2007 Financial Statement Affirmative: Fritz, Stensgaard, Loll, Cunningham, and Spronk. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

B. 2008 Annual plan –

Kyle Krier stated that the 2008 plan will be similar to the 2007 plan and showed the board a copy to the 2007 plan. Motion by Cunningham, seconded by Spronk to accept and submit the 2008 annual plan with modifications. Affirmative: Spronk, Cunningham, Stensgaard, Fritz, Loll. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

C. 2008 Clean Water Legacy Grant – discussed putting the \$25,000 towards SSTS Upgrades for low income families. Motion by Cunningham, seconded by Fritz to approve grant agreement. Affirmative: Stensgaard, Spronk, Fritz, Loll, Cunningham. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

C. Irrigation Application- discussed

Krier made it clear to the board that in Section 5 of Troy township they is going to be a new well drilled leaving 2 wells abandoned. The water use is to remain the same. No Motion was made.

- E. Carol Pantekoek Sick Leave – discussed
Carol will be out for 6-8 weeks, with Stephanie LaBrune covering the books while she is out. Per Carol is planning to come back around April 21st, but no specific date is set for her return. No motion was made.
- F. Authorization for bank signature card- discussed
Motion by Cunningham, seconded by Stensgaard to approve Krier, LaBrune, & Pantekoek signatures to be on all banks signature cards. Affirmative: Stensgaard, Spronk, Loll, Cunningham, Fritz. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

Staff:

Angie: Held a septic training and had a really good turn out. Attended Air, Water, Waste Convention.

Carol: None

Steph: Attended Air, Water, Waste Convention, Septic training, & Area V meeting. Started presenting at county schools for poster contest.

Upcoming Events:

Next Board meeting – April 3, 2008

Adjournment:

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

Ian Cunningham, Secretary