

*Minutes of the Pipestone Soil and Water Conservation District Meeting
March 5, 2009, 9:00 a.m. at the District Office, Pipestone, Minnesota*

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

Others Present:

Kyle Krier, SWCD Administrator
Jerry Purdin, NRCS
Stephanie LaBrune SWCD Administrative Assistant
Butch Miller, County Commissioner
Jamie Thompson, RC&D

Approve Agenda:

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

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Stensgaard to approve the minutes of the February 2009 board meeting with a correction being made on the motion for Dave Hulsteins request to receive ag BMP funds. The motion was made to fail the request at the February board meeting, however; the minutes that were presented reflected that the motion had passed. The motion was then seconded by Cunningham to approve the minutes as corrected. Affirmative: Stensgaard, 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 Loll to approve the financial report. Affirmative: Loll, Fritz, Stensgaard, Spronk, and Cunningham. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

Reports:

Supervisors:

Fritz – Nothing to report

Loll – Attended the RC&D meeting in February where they talked about pelletizing landfill material & using the methane gas from the landfill for energy.

Stensgaard – Attended the Area V Meeting & a Cottonwood River meeting in February. At the Cottonwood River meeting there was discussion held on combining agencies since there are multiple agencies out there that are doing the same thing.

Cunningham- Attended the Area V meeting as well as Legislative Day at the state capitol. He spoke about the Lanning bill and how he feels that it is going to be up to the metro region of the state to determine what happens with the bill. Cunningham also discussed the upcoming

Area V meeting that is going to be held on June 18th. Cunningham then made a motion to have the office staff to come up with recommendations to present to the board at the next district board meeting. The motion was seconded by Spronk. Affirmative: Loll, Fritz, Stensgaard, Spronk, and Cunningham. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

Spronk- Nothing to report.

RC&D:

Jamie Thompson- Handed out the RC&D 2008 annual report and the 2009 annual plan for the board to view and make comments on. Thompson also set a deadline of April 10th to get construction proposals sent into the RC&D. The next RC&D board meeting is held going to be held on April 22nd.

New Business:

A. RC&D Report
(Attached)

B. Plan / Report Update

Krier went over the 2008 report and the 2009 plan and had the board review them and ask questions on them. Loll made a motion to approve the plan and report as presented and Spronk seconded the motion. Affirmative: Fritz, Stensgaard, Loll, Spronk, and Cunningham. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

C. Board Meeting Schedule-

A discussion was held, no motion made.

D. Pipestone Home Show-

A discussion was held, no motion made.

E. SWPJPO Agreement-

The board reviewed the agreement and Loll made a motion to sign and approve the agreement. The motion was seconded by Cunningham. Affirmative: Fritz, Stensgaard, Loll, Spronk, and Cunningham. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

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- Report Attached

SWCD:

Krier- Spoke about \$5000 that is being given to the SWCD by the US Fish & Wildlife Service for use on a gravel pit reclamation in Pipestone County. Krier also gave an update on the year end reporting and also talked about a few upcoming public hearings that are going to be held soon.

LaBrune- Gave the board an update the year end reports that will need to be done soon and on the website. Advised the board to go out and look at the website. LaBrune also talked about the upcoming home show as well as working with Raatz on a soils presentation that will be presented to the 5th & 6th graders for the poster & mural contest.

Commissioners:

Butch Miller- Discussed the vote to reinstate Maintenance of Effort which created an uproar. Also stated that the summer intern for the Extension department was approved. Discussed AMC & Counties working together. Talked about the new family services building and the septic situation with the city. Miller also talked about the County continuing to work on budget reviews.

Upcoming Events:

Next Board meeting – April 2, 2009 at 9:00a.m.

Adjournment:

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

Cal Spronk, Secretary