

***Minutes of the Pipestone Soil and Water Conservation District Meeting
May 1, 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
Stephanie LaBrune, Administrative Assistant
Carol Pantekoek, SWCD Clerk
Jerry Purdin, District Conservationist
Butch Miller, County Commissioner

Approve Agenda:

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

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Spronk, seconded by Fritz to approve the minutes of the April 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 Spronk, seconded by Fritz 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 – announced that the Lake Redwood cleanout bid came in twice as high as they had anticipated. There was a company hired to figure out the approximate cost to complete the project and their cost was off by 1 million dollars. The bid that came in from Matson Inc. was 2.1 million dollars.

Spronk – Nothing to report

Loll – Nothing to report

Cunningham – Attended the Convention Planning Meeting on April 15th

Pipestone will be working with Rock County on a mini session about the Rock TMDL project and how SWCDs are working together with their surrounding counties on conservation projects. The next convention planning meeting will be June 10th.

Fritz – Nothing to report

NRCS:

Purdin – Gave a CRP handout for continuous signup of CRP, Jerry is working with Dave Larson from FSA. So far there were 3 sign ups done in April. Also, there will be a new assistant from Marshall replacing Mike Appel in June.

SWCD:

LaBrune- Attended the convention planning meeting April 15 with Cunningham; as well as a women's day meeting April 23rd. April 30th helped out at the Envirothon where Worthington took 1st place (Pipestone County was not present at the competition this year.) Also the Earth Day electronics collection that was held April 22nd was a huge success; there was a steady flow of traffic all day.

Raatz- Has been busy planting trees and helping with the electronic waste collections.

Krier- Is working on an E-911 GIS project with LaBrune, along with the Pipestone Creek TMDL project. The county recently purchased the former Everson building, so that the building can be used for a 90-day hazardous waste facility as well as for storing trees. Stated there will be new septic rules that require soil verification. Also, stated that the planning commission is not allowing feedlots with in wellhead areas.

Pantekoek- Not present at the time of reports

Old Business:

A. Payroll Discussion- discussed –

Angie Raatz stated the benefits getting paid by the County versus the SWCD. Carol Pantekoek then asked for a closed discussion with the board members alone. Leroy then made a motion to re-open the meeting with Fritz seconding the motion. There was a motion then made by Loll and seconded by Spronk to approve Carol's resignation as clerk of the SWCD with her last day being May 30th, 2008.

Affirmative: Spronk, Cunningham, Stensgaard, Fritz, Loll. Oppose: none. Motion carried. There was further discussion held in regards to the accounting and employee benefits, and a motion was made to turn over the topic to a committee to make recommendations to the board, the committee will consist of Loll & Fritz.

Cunningham made the motion & Spronk seconded it. Affirmative: Fritz, Stensgaard, Loll, Cunningham, and Spronk. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

B. Native Buffer Grant Agreement- discussed –

Spronk made the motion to sign the grant agreement and Cunningham seconded the motion. Affirmative: Fritz, Stensgaard, Loll, Cunningham, and Spronk. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

New Business:

- A. Mrs. Rosenboom & 3rd Grade class-
The class came to say thank you and give a small presentation on what they did and learned at Split Rock Creek State park with Crystal who runs the Ecology bus. Overall, they stated that they had a good time, learned a lot and hope that the SWCD will continue providing money to the 3rd grade class.
- B. MASWCD Area Resolution – discussed
The area resolution packets are out and the deadline is July 1st, 2008.
- C. Copier discussion to replace Ricoh – discussed
Decided to wait on A & B Business solution's quote so that we have something to compare Century Business Product's to. No Motion was made.
- D. Southwest Prairie Technical Service Area - discussed
Motion made by Stensgaard to approve JPO Mike Skogland, motion seconded by Loll. Affirmative: Fritz, Stensgaard, Loll, Cunningham, and Spronk. Oppose: none. Motion carried.
- E. Flat Screen Monitors- Discussed
Motion made Loll to approve the purchase of 2 - 20" flat screen monitors for Raatz & LaBrune, motion seconded by Spronk. Affirmative: Fritz, Stensgaard, Loll, Cunningham, and Spronk. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

Upcoming Events:

Next Board meeting – June 5, 2008 at 9:00a.m.

Adjournment:

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

Ian Cunningham, Secretary