

*Minutes of the Pipestone Soil and Water Conservation District Meeting
November 12, 2009, 9:00 a.m. at the District Office, Pipestone, Minnesota*

Members Present:

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

Others Present:

Kyle Krier, Administrator
Angie Raatz, SWCD Conservationist
Harold Miller, County Commissioner
Jerry Purdin NRCS

Approve Agenda:

Motion by Stensgaard; 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 October 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 Cunningham, seconded by Stensgaard to approve the financial report & bills for October. Affirmative: Loll, Spronk, Fritz, and Stensgaard and Cunningham. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

Reports:

Supervisors:

Loll – No Report.

Cunningham- Discussed the election of officers for Area V. He stated that he will be running for area director and asked the staff for their support if he is to become area director.

Sponk- No Report

Stensgaard- Stated that the RCRCA meetings have moved to the new government center. Then he gave his report over the Supervisors handbook section VII.

Fritz- Gave a report over the supervisors handbook section VI.

New Business:

A. Accounting Discussion

Krier explained to the board that there is a need to designate current reserve dollars to both equipment and operating reserve accounts. Cunningham made a motion to

authorize the staff to move \$128,000 to the operating reserve account and \$100,000 to the equipment reserve account. Loll seconded the motion. Affirmative: Loll, Spronk, Fritz, Stensgaard and Cunningham. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

B. Emergency Resolution Discussion

Krier presented reasoning for creating the resolution as well as the resolution. Further discussion was held on the resolution and Krier also reminded the board that they can be more restrictive with the resolution if it passes. Spronk made a motion to support the resolution. Cunningham seconded the motion. Affirmative: Loll, Spronk, Fritz, Stensgaard and Cunningham. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

C. West Fork Des Moines / Rock River Agreements

Krier explained why the agreement is needed. Cunningham made a motion to accept the agreement. Stensgaard seconded the motion. Affirmative: Loll, Spronk, Fritz, Stensgaard and Cunningham. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

D. Clean Water Amendment Discussion

There was discussion held on several projects that are out there. As of right now Rod Schulze is the only project that is ready to go, so unless the board has other ideas, the staff has decided to peruse funding for him as well as dollars for Ag BMP septic updates.

E. Radio Ad

Angie asked the board if any of them would be interested in doing a radio ad for the Christmas season. Spronk stated that he would maybe be interested in doing a radio ad for the district.

F. Convention Auction Item(s)

The board discussed donating an auction item for the state convention in Duluth. Fritz stated that she will donate baked goods again this year.

Office Reports:

NRCS:

Purdin reported on the projects that were planned to be done in 2009. He also informed the group that there have been 15 CSP applications that have been turned in.

SWCD:

Krier attended the BWSR academy training and stated that it was good. Krier also talked about updating the city of Trosky's septic system. Krier went on to talk about an issue within the county concerning WCA.

Raatz placed a tree ad in the paper, talked about the Rock River TMDL meeting, and MMP Training. She also mentioned that there will be money given out to producers within the Rock River Watershed for calibrating their manure spreaders.

Commissioner:

Miller- Talked about the Family Services building and how they will be moving into the building starting December 1st. He also stated that the MCIT insurance has went up 1.7%. He also mentioned that Lyle Oye will be going off the Board of Adjustments due to years served, and that DeAnna Bahn who is currently the alternate will be replacing him. They are still looking for a replacement for Jamie Sumption who served on the Planning Commission board.

Upcoming Events:

State Convention – December 6, 7, 8 in Duluth

Next Board meeting – December 10th at 9:00a.m.

Adjournment:

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

Ian Cunningham, Programs