

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

Members Present:

Ed Loll, Chairman
Anna Mae Fritz, Vice-Chairman
LeRoy Stensgaard, Programs
Ian Cunningham, Secretary/Treasurer

Members Absent:

Cal Spronk, PR & I

Others Present:

Kyle Krier, SWCD Administrator
Stephanie LaBrune SWCD Administrative Assistant
Jeremy Larson, NRCS
Jerry Purdin, NRCS
Butch Miller, County Commissioner

Approve Agenda:

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

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Stensgaard to approve the minutes of the October 2008 board meeting; seconded by Cunningham. Affirmative: Stensgaard, Loll, Fritz, and Cunningham. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

Reports:

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

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

Supervisors:

Stensgaard – Attended an RCRC meeting.

Loll – Nothing to report

Fritz – Nothing to report

Cunningham- Made the point to have better advertisement prior to the next SWCD board election. Cunningham also stated that Raatz did a good job on the recent SWCD radio ads.

NRCS:

Larson- Reported on the progress of the projects that are being done. Report attached.

Purdin- Report attached.

SWCD:

Krier- Stated that the contractors are about done with the septic systems that have been installed in 2008.

LaBrune- Reported on Women's Conservation Day, stating that the conservation day will be held on September 9th in 2009. Also gave an update on the SWCD website.

Commissioner:

Butch Miller- Stated that the County is looking to find a new gravel source. Gave a report on who the new commissioners will be in 2009. Miller also stated that the County will have a 3.9% levy limit and that any new buildings being put up in 2009 will need to be purchased using County reserve dollars. Miller mentioned that the EDA moved their department into the old transit building and that the County hired a new Transit Director. Miller also stated that November 18th will be the next tax hearing date with Dick Hasse concerning the Schools.

Old Business:

New Business:

A. State Convention Discussion-

Motion made by Cunningham to let the SWCD staff put together something for an auction item worth \$100 for the MASWCD Auction, motion seconded by Fritz. Affirmative: Fritz, Stensgaard, Loll, and Cunningham. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

B. CWL Grant Application-

Krier presented the application and talked about the \$2,000 match from Pipestone for the Rock River. No motion was made.

C. NACD Membership-

Motion made by Cunningham to keep the membership amount the same as the prior year (\$1,500), motion seconded by Stensgaard. Affirmative: Fritz, Stensgaard, Loll, and Cunningham. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

D. Newsletter-

LaBrune discussed starting a bi-yearly SWCD newsletter. The board came to a verbal agreement that the newsletter should be distributed to landlords and operators within Pipestone County. No motion made.

Upcoming Events:

Next Board meeting – December 4th, 2008 at 9:00a.m.

Adjournment:

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

Ian Cunningham, Secretary