

*Minutes of the Pipestone Soil and Water Conservation District Meeting
September 10, 2009, 9:00 a.m. at the District Office, Pipestone, Minnesota*

Members Present:

Ian Cunningham, Programs
Ed Loll, PR & I
Cal Spronk, Secretary/Treasurer

Members Absent:

Anna Mae Fritz, Chairman
LeRoy Stensgaard, Vice-Chairman

Others Present:

Kyle Krier, SWCD Administrator
Stephanie LaBrune SWCD Administrative Assistant
Angie Raatz, SWCD Conservationist
Harold Miller, County Commissioner

Approve Agenda:

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

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Loll to approve the minutes of the August 2009 board meeting, the motion was then seconded by Cunningham. Affirmative: Loll, Spronk, and Cunningham. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

Approval of Financial Report & Bills:

Copies of the financial report and bills were reviewed. Motion made by Loll, seconded by Cunningham to approve the financial report & bills for August. Affirmative: Loll, Spronk, and Cunningham. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

Reports:

Supervisors:

Loll – Attended the NRCS CSP program meeting in Lake Benton, and said he was a little bit disappointed in the attendance. Yesterday he attended an RC&D meeting and said there are quite a few projects that are going to need to be done soon so they don't have to send the money back. He also talked about going to the community garden in Slayton and said how well things are going with it. Ed then went over his supervisor's report, which was explaining to the rest of the board a portion of the supervisor's handbook.

Cunningham- Attended the state education committee meeting, he said they talked about the education committee bringing more ideas to the area meetings, regarding more educational items. He also talked about the poster and mural contest. Ian then explained to the rest of the board his portion of the supervisors handbook.

Sponk- Nothing to report

Past Business:

A. Data Privacy

Krier explained to the board that he had talked about the issue with both Sharon Hanson and Judy Oldemeyer with Pipestone County, and they both said that they do not have an actual policy at the courthouse concerning data privacy. After a brief discussion was held Cunningham said that the subject should be talked about again at another area V meeting, and then maybe we could learn more on what is the correct way to do things. No Motion made.

New Business:

A. Joint Powers Agreement / Addendum

Krier explained that they are extending the agreement for 21 months to get a 2 year schedule and need a designated authorized signer to sign the agreement. Cunningham made a motion to authorize Stensgaard as the primary signer and Loll as the secondary signer. Loll seconded the motion. Affirmative: Loll, Spronk, and Cunningham. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

B. NRCS Contribution Agreement

Krier talked about the agreement to pay NRCS \$3248.00 for the rental / LAN WAN agreement. He also explained to the board that NRCS will be terminating the agreement in the future due to financial issues. Further discussion was held. Loll then made a motion to accept the contribution agreement. Cunningham seconded the motion. Affirmative: Loll, Spronk, and Cunningham. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

Office Reports:

NRCS:

No one present; report attached

SWCD:

Krier- Talked about applying for Clean Water Amendment dollars as well as other dollars. He said that one of the things the district would like to do with the money would be to acquire some land and do reclamation on the land. He said that the land would be required to be open for public hunting. He also said that the BWSR board approved the county water plan update. Krier also attended a SWPTSA meeting where they approved a labor rate schedule.

LaBrune- Attended Women's Conservation day in Marshall, 5 ladies from Pipestone attended. The program was about rain gardens and water quality. She also presented on the Enviroscape there.

Raatz- said that she is currently working on re registering all of the feedlots within Pipestone County. She also said that there are more people looking to utilize the AG BMP program.

Commissioner:

Miller- Talked about the county applying for an additional CUP for a County Gravel Pit due to public concern. He also talked about the Family Services building and the new Fiber Optic line that will start being installed next week. He discussed what was going on with the union negotiations, and also talked about possibly replenishing the SSTS County Loan Program.

Upcoming Events:

Next Board meeting – October 8, 2009 at 9:00a.m.

Adjournment:

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

Ian Cunningham, Programs