

# Red River Valley Conservation Service Area Budget Committee Meeting

June 3, 2009

A Budget Committee meeting was held for the Red River Valley Conservation Service Area (RRVCSA) at 10:00 a.m., June 3, 2009, at the Mahnomen SWCD's Conference Room in Mahnomen, MN.

Those present were Jerome Flottesch, Becker SWCD; Linda Hanson, Pennington SWCD; Tanya Hanson, Red Lake SWCD; Carol Schoff, Clay SWCD; Pete Revier, Mahnomen SWCD; Cheryl Sistad, Marshall-Beltrami; Jim Hest, RRVCSA Engineer; Jeff Haverland, RRVCSA Technical Engineer; Brad Grant, Becker SWCD; and Ginger Flynn, Becker SWCD.

The purpose of the meeting was to prepare an upcoming budget for the Red River Valley Conservation Service Area for Fiscal Year 2010.

The committee reviewed each line item for the budget comparing with the 2009 budgets of the West Central Minnesota Joint Powers Board and Soil and Water Conservation Technical Area 1. They also took into consideration what was spent to date, May 31, 2009, with each organization.

Jim Hest, Engineer, was asked for his proposal to the RRVCSA for salary for 2010. Jim requested that his salary and insurance package stay the same as 2009 with the economy the way it is. Taking into consideration that the Personnel Committee had made recommendations on Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, that the health insurance or deferred annuity be at \$700 for each employee. Jim's previous salary was at \$65,284, plus \$15,960 for health insurance for a total package of \$81,244. Taking that into consideration, his request for Fiscal Year 2010 was for \$72,844 in salary and \$8,400 for health insurance for a total package of \$81,244. He did request that we pay everything the same until September 1<sup>st</sup> so that he is covered until he has new health insurance coverage and that they covered for upcoming Doctor's appointments.

Motion by Linda Hanson, seconded by Tanya Hanson to set the Engineer's salary at \$72,844 and the health insurance of \$8,400 for FY 2010 and honoring his request to pay everything the way it is being paid until September 1<sup>st</sup>. Motion carried.

Jeff Haverland, Engineering Technician, was asked for his proposal to the RRVCSA for salary for 2010. He requested that his salary stay the same as 2009 at \$49,150.00 plus the health insurance of \$8,400 for 2010.

Motion by Tanya Hanson, seconded by Linda Hanson to set the Engineering Technician's salary at \$49,150 and the health insurance or deferred annuity at \$8,400 for 2010. Motion carried.

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Also discussed were Charges for Services. It was recommended that we will have to charge for services to have a balanced budget.

Motion by Carol Schoff, seconded by Linda Hanson to recommend to the Red River Valley Conservation Area Joint Powers Board that we follow the current West Central Minnesota Joint Powers Board's Schedule for Charging for Services (see attached). Motion carried.

Motion by Pete Revier, seconded by Carol Schoff to approve the proposed budget of \$202,772 with using \$43,072 from our fund balance to balance the 2010 RRVCSA Budget. Motion carried.

Being no further business Carol Schoff made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Ginger Flynn", is written over a horizontal line.

Ginger Flynn, Becker SWCD Secretary