Red River Valley Conservation Service Area Officers Meeting, April 7th, 2010

A meeting of the Red River Valley Conservation Service Area (RRVCSA) Joint Powers Board officers was held on Wednesday, April 7th 2010 at the Red Apple Café in Mahnomen.

Those present were officers Jerome Flottemesch, Linda Hanson, Pete Revier, Brad Grant, Gary Lee, Bryan Malone.

The officers noted that Pennington and East Polk SWCD's have expressed an interest in becoming a secondary host district for the RRVCSA Engineer. Discussion was held on the duties expected of the secondary host. It would include communicating with the engineer on projects, scheduling coordination, time management and other concerns that may arise. Periodic meetings with the technician, host district, and the engineer to review and discuss projects in all of Area I to assure engineering and technical needs of the Districts are being met.

During the discussion Pennington SWCD indicated they would withdraw their proposal to be secondary host district and that it be given to East Polk SWCD.

Motion by Revier, second by Hanson to have East Polk SWCD serve as the secondary host district for the RRVCSA Joint Powers Board. Affirmative: Unanimous. Carried.

RRVCSA Engineer Jim Hest arrived:

Discussion was held on feasibility of locating Jim in another SWCD office. It was felt by the committee that this may not be an option at this time.

Discussion was held on office needs. Jim indicated that he will need a printer/copier. He had priced one that would be adequate for around \$300.00.

Discussed work hours, Jim is currently working a compressed work schedule. Also discussed terminating the existing lease and whether or not the garage currently rented is needed.

Motion by Revier second by Hanson to have Jim terminate the office lease with the current landlord effective June 1st and allow Jim to work out of his house on a 1 year trial period. Affirmative: Unanimous. Carried.

Motion Hanson second Revier to have Jim negotiate the end of the garage lease. Affirmative: Unanimous. Carried.

Excess equipment, Jim indicated the computer monitors are gone and the only thing remaining is the desk. Motion Hanson, second Revier to have Jim dispose of excess equipment. Affirmative: Unanimous. Carried.

Motion by Revier, second Hanson to authorize the purchase of a printer up to \$350.00. Affirmative: Unanimous: Carried.

Discussed internet line, land line phone etc. Jim indicated this would be around a \$60.00 charge change over plus the monthly costs. Motion Hanson, second Revier to pay the difference between the high speed and dial up internet cost and a portion of the cell phone as it will be used personnel and JPB, and the land line. Affirmative: Unanimous: Carried.

Host SWCD in Detroit Lakes will send Jim a copy of the agreement we have with Jeff for working out of his home and Jim is to prepare one for his situation for the JPB to act on in June.

Being no further business the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Flottemesch.

Brad Grant, Becker SWCD

Pete Revier, RRVCSA JPB Secretary