

**Red River Valley Conservation Service Area
Regular Board Meeting
October 25, 2012**

The regular meeting of the Red River Valley Conservation Service Area (RRVCSA) was held on Thursday, October 25, 2012, at 1:00 p.m., at the Beautiful Savior Church at Callaway, Minnesota.

Those present at the meeting were:

Board Members: Carol Schoff, Clay SWCD; Pete Revier, Mahnomen SWCD; Linda Hanson, Pennington SWCD; Ron Thorsrud, Norman SWCD; Julian Sjostrom, West Otter Tail SWCD; Denny Reynolds, East Otter Tail SWCD; Jerome Flottesmesch, Becker SWCD; Lyle Dittman, East Otter Tail SWCD; Ken Pederson, East Polk SWCD; David Miller, Red Lake SWCD.

Others Present: Jim Hest, RRVCSA Engineer; Ed Clem, Ginger Flynn and Brad Grant, Becker SWCD; Dusty Jasken, Mahnomen NRCS; Aaron Neubert, Mahnomen SWCD; Ed Musielewicz, Detroit Lakes NRCS; Kevin Kassenborg, Clay SWCD; Bryan Malone, Pennington SWCD; Darren Newville, East Otter Tail SWCD.

Absent Members: Marshall SWCD, Wilkin SWCD, Kittson SWCD, Roseau SWCD, Grant SWCD, West Polk SWCD.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jerome Flottesmesch.

Motion by Carol Schoff, second by Julian Sjostrom to approve the June 21, 2012 Minutes of the Red River Valley Conservation Service Area as sent out and received by the board members. Affirmative: Unanimous. Carried.

The June, July, August and September, 2012 Financial Statements were presented.

Motion by Carol Schoff, seconded by Lyle Dittman to approve the June, July, August and September, 2012 Financial Statements as presented. Unanimous. Carried.

Brad discussed the conference call that was held on October 23rd with RRVCSA Engineer Jim Hest, Engineering Technician Jeff Haverland, the JPB Engineering staff from Area 8 and Board Conservationist Chad Severts. The reason for the call was to discuss workload concerns and if JPB 8 could be of assistance with JPB 1's workload. Jim and Jeff indicated that with the new equipment, they felt they were caught up and at this time felt they could handle the workload.

Brad reported on the Accelerated Implementation Grant Request that was submitted on behalf of the RRVCSA. If funded the grant would expand our technical capabilities.

Ginger presented the 2012 RRVCSA Yearend Financial Report.

Motion by Pete Revier, seconded by Carol to approve the 2012 RRVCSA Yearend Financial Report as presented. Affirmative: Unanimous. Carried.

The 2012 FY audit for the RRVCSA should be completed by the next meeting. The audit was conducted by the Peterson Company LTD from Waconia. Jim Maiser, Accountant, turned most of his audits over to this firm as he is planning on retiring.

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Jerome reported that they didn't have an Executive Meeting in September.

Engineer and Technician Report:

-Engineer Jim Hest reported that he is up and running with the new GPS. He commented that by learning the new GPS, he has cut down on his surveying time considerably.

-Brad reported on the Engineering and Engineering Technician report that is done yearly.

Motion by Carol Schoff, seconded by David Miller to adjourn the meeting. Unanimous. Motion carried.



Ginger Flynn, District Adm. Assistant
Becker SWCD – Host District



Pete Revier, Secretary-Treasurer
Red River Valley Conservation Service Area