

**Becker Soil and Water Conservation District  
Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting  
Wednesday, February 17, 2010**

The regular meeting of the Becker Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors was held on Wednesday, January 20, 2010 at 8:00 a.m. in the Conference room of the Ag Center Building, 809 8<sup>th</sup> St. S.E., Detroit Lakes, Minnesota.

Those present were supervisors Jerome Flottesch, Duane Grossman, Tony Beck, Don Lefebvre, Joe Stenger, Becker County Commissioner Barry Nelson, Dist. Conservationist Ed Musielewicz, Dist. Secretary Ginger Flynn, Dist. Technicians Ed Clem and Dean Hendrickson and Dist. Administrator Brad Grant.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Grossman.

Motion (Lefebvre, Beck) to approve the January minutes as sent out and received by the supervisors.  
Affirmative: Unanimous. Carried.

The financial statements and bills payable were presented.

Motion (Flottesch, Stenger) to approve the financial statements and payment of bills as presented.  
Affirmative: Unanimous. Carried.

Ginger presented the 2009 year-end financial statements.

Motion (Beck, Stenger) to approve the 2009 year-end financial statements and forward to BWSR.  
Affirmative: Unanimous. Carried.

Brad mentioned that BWSR was being audited for some program items and Becker SWCD was one on the counties whose information was audited. No major issues were found.

**Reports:**

**Dist. Conservationist** – Ed Musielewicz reported on the following:

- EQIP scoring period ends Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>. We have received 41 applications for funds. These include 1 ag waste system, 11 sediment and erosion control basins, and 3 grazing plans along with tillage applications, and nutrient pest management practices. Ed noted that the acreage limitation has been removed from the tillage practice.
- Received 8 Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program (WHIP) applications.
- Met with Tera Guetter concerning the permitting for the Rice Lake restoration project. Discussed design and upgrade of Anchor Road. It was decided to treat the Anchor Road improvement as a separate project. Detroit Township will be presented a resolution concerning Anchor Road improvements. The Pelican River Watershed District has been awarded a \$250,000 in Clean Water Grant funds and \$125,000 in Lessard-Sams funds for various components of the Rice Lake Project.
- Three CSP contracts were recently approved.
- Met with Bruce Albright of the BRRWD and updated him on the Hay Creek Project.
- Attended the Annual Meeting of WesMin RC&D. Becker SWCD/NRCS Field office received an outstanding project award for the biomass workshop that was put on last spring in cooperation with White Earth Tribal Natural Resources Department.

**Dist. Technicians** – Dean and Ed reported on the following:

- Dean reported that all the as-built surveys have been completed on the sediment basins installed this past summer.

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- Will be making contacts for tree plans.
- Ed reported on the MNDOT Committee Meeting held January 27<sup>th</sup>. The committee is trying to develop a plan for the traffic concerns west of Detroit Lakes, along with airport, possible trails and development pressures.

**Plat Books** – Brad noted that some of the remaining plat books from the previous edition have been placed at the auditor's office in case someone would rather have one without the aerial photo on the adjoining page. The price will be the same.

**Red River Valley Conservation Service Area JPB (RRVCSA)** – Jerome noted that the RRVCSA Joint Powers Board has been notified that the Marshall-Beltrami SWCD office will be closing as of March 31, 2010 and the JPB's engineering office which is housed in that office will have to have their own lease agreement or relocate. On Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>, Brad and the officers of the JPB visited the office in Grygla to discuss arrangements. They also decided to move the regular JPB meeting up one week to Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Wild Rice River Watershed District (WRRWD) PIP Program** – Brad reported that we did receive our Project Incentive Program payment from the WRRWD for 2009 projects. However, they have not decided if the program will be available for 2010 as some issues have to be worked out.

**AgBMP Loan Program** – The application for 2010 AgBMP Loan Program was submitted. We will have \$108,725 in loan funds available for 2010. Last year we signed off on 9 loans totaling \$133,000.

**Local Water Management Funds** – Ginger reported that there is \$1,343 in 2010 water plan funds that can be designated for projects. The SWCD has designated \$2,000 of state cost-share for abandoned well sealing.

After further discussion, moved (Flottesch, Lefebvre) to assign the \$1,343 of water plan funds under miscellaneous funds with the final project use to be determined at a later time. Affirmative: Unanimous. Carried.

**Rural Preserve Program** – Brad handed out the flyer that was forwarded to the Becker County Assessor's office on the Rural Preserve Program. The flyer lists the various programs the SWCD offers and shows the cost of completing a Rural Preserve Program plan.

**Competitive Grants Program** – Brad reported on the Competitive Grants that were recently awarded by BWSR. In Becker County the following grants were awarded:

- \$250,000 to the Pelican River Watershed Dist. for the Rice Lake Wetland Nutrient Reduction Project
- \$167,000 to Becker County Planning and Zoning for SSTS inventory on highly recreated lakes.
- \$ 41,000 to Becker SWCD for Native Buffer Cost-share Program.
- \$ 15,000 to Becker SWCD for Comprehensive Weed Management Program.

### **Misc:**

- Spring Admin. Session – March 30-31
- Annual Weed Meeting for Township & Cities March 16<sup>th</sup> in Callaway
- Tree Days – Feb. 23-24
- RRVCSA JPB Mtg. Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>
- Brad requested to temporarily change his work hours to 7:00 am – 4:30 p.m. – Supervisors had no concerns with this change.

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Commissioner Nelson stated that he would be attending the public hearing this afternoon in Ada concerning the North Becker Dam Project and asked the supervisors if they had a position on the project. The supervisors felt the project is a watershed district issue. They stated the concern of the SWCD lies within the upland treatment in the project area.

Chairman Grossman recessed the meeting.

Chairman Grossman reconvened the meeting. The purpose of reconvening the meeting was to prepare the 2010 Annual Plan of Operations.

Upon completing the update it was moved by (Stenger, Flottemesch) to approve the 2010 Annual Plan of Operations. Affirmative: Unanimous. Carried.

Being no further business, moved (Beck, Stenger) to adjourn. Affirmative: Unanimous. Carried.

**Approved: Jerome Flottemesch    Date: March 17, 2010**