

**Becker Soil and Water Conservation District**  
**Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting**  
**Wednesday, June 16, 2010**

The regular meeting of the Becker Soil and Water Conservation Board of Supervisors was held on Wednesday June 19, 2010, at 8:00 a.m. in the Conference Room of the Ag Center Building, 809 8<sup>th</sup> St. S.E. in Detroit Lakes, Minnesota.

Those present were supervisors Duane Grossman, Tony Beck, Jerome Flottesmesch, Dist. Conservationist Ed Musielewicz, Dist. Secretary Ginger Flynn, Dist. Technician Ed Clem, NRCS Student Trainee Nicole Wallace and Dist. Administrator Brad Grant.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Grossman.

Motion (Beck, Flottesmesch) to approve the May minutes as sent out and received by the supervisors.  
Affirmative: Unanimous. Motion carried.

The financial statements and bills payable were presented for approval.

Motion (Flottesmesch, Beck) to approve payment of bills and financial statements as presented. Affirmative: Unanimous. Carried.

**Audit Notice** – Brad noted that we have received a quote for conducting an audit of the SWCD's 2009 financial records from James Maiser for \$1,800.

Motion (Beck, Flottesmesch) to accept the quote from James Maiser for conducting the 2009 financial audit.  
Affirmative: Unanimous. Carried.

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

- Ed introduced NRCS Student Trainee Nicole Wallace to the Board. Nicole told the Board about herself. She is originally from Frazee and is a second year student majoring in engineering. Nicole will be with us through August.
- Ed noted that of the Red River Basin received \$2 million dollars of AWEP funding of which Becker County was allotted \$163,000. We had 8 request for these funds and will be able to fund 5 of them. We also had 4 WHIP program contracts funded for \$16,500.
- The May 25<sup>th</sup> storm did cause some minor damage to some of the newly constructed dikes on the sediment basins. Most were in the Callaway area where they had 3-4 inches of rain in a short period of time.
- The Randy Lefebvre waterway and sediment basin project is set for construction this year.
- Twenty-five signups for the Conservation Stewardship Program have been received. The signup ends June 25<sup>th</sup>.
- 2010 Wetland Reserve Program has 2 applicants. Also the Brink Lake restoration and the Rice Lake restoration projects are moving forward.
- Some sediment basins have been installed this spring in the Hay Creek Project area, additional buffers will be seeded this month.

Ed presented a revised Job Approval Authority rating for Dist. Technician Ed Clem as recommended by NRCS Area Engineer Scott Smith. It is for water and sediment control basins and will increase Ed Clem's to a Job Class 3. The board must sign off on the new job approval authority.

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Moved (Flottemesch, Beck) to approve Job Approval Authority Class 3 for Dist. Technician Ed Clem.  
Affirmative: Unanimous. Carried.

Ed M. noted that a general CRP signup will be held this summer. This will be for new and re-enrollment of old CRP contracts. The SWCD may have an opportunity to assist with the plans through a contribution agreement.

**Technicians Report** – Ed Clem reported on the following:

- Completed the district tree program on May 20<sup>th</sup>.
- 5 landowners have rented the no-till drill this spring, seeding 400 acres.
- Written report from Dean Hendrickson included tree cost-share inspections, assisting JPB Technician Jeff Haverland on staking. Inspection on Pat Bollig sediment basins. Began inventorying sites in the South Branch of the Wild Rice River Watershed.

**Big Toad Lake Association** – Fred Tuominen representing the Big Toad Lake Improvement Association (BTLIA) requested the Becker SWCD to serve as the fiscal agent for a \$5,000 Healthy Lakes and Rivers Partnership Grant they have been awarded. They must complete the planning process and adopt a Lake Management Plan to receive the grant. It is expected that only a few checks will have to be issued by the SWCD using grant funds. They will provide all documentation needed before checks are issued, they also assume the SWCD will have a fee for providing the service.

After discussion, motion (Flottemesch, Beck) for the Becker SWCD to be the fiscal agent for the BTLIA at a fee of \$250.00 upon receipt of a letter from the BTLIA requesting the service. Affirmative: Unanimous. Carried.

**9:30 a.m. Public Hearing** - Chairman Grossman recessed the regular meeting and called to order the public hearing for the Wetland Replacement Plan for the City of Detroit Lakes for the Merit Care Clinic Project.

Brad reviewed the replacement plan with the supervisors. The plan calls for filling 17,600 sq. ft. of Type 1 wetland. Mitigation credits will be purchased from the Wetland Banking Program. A portion of the filled area will be changed to a stormwater retention basin for runoff. Brad noted that no written comments for or against the project have been received. Doug Friendshun a neighboring landowner to the project was present. Mr. Friendshun was asked if he had any comments for or against the project. He indicated he had none and was here for his own information.

Chairman Grossman asked for comments for or against the replacement plan. Hearing none Chairman Grossman adjourned the public hearing.

The supervisors discussed the replacement plan further.

Motion (Flottemesch, Beck) to approve the Wetland Replacement Plan for the City of Detroit Lakes Merit Care Project as presented. Affirmative: Unanimous. Carried.

**Area I MASWCD Meeting** – The supervisors reported on the Area I MASWCD Meeting held June 10<sup>th</sup> in Ada. Six resolutions were acted on. Five were passed and will be submitted to the MASWCD Resolution Committee.

**Red River Valley Conservation Service Area (RRVCSA) Joint Powers Board Meeting** – Jerome reported on the RRVCSA Joint Powers Board meeting that was held June 10<sup>th</sup> following the MASWCD Area I meeting. The JPB acted on the FY11 budget, reviewed employee's salary and benefits and established a personnel committee

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to evaluate the staff. They also decided to meet twice a year with the executive committee to meet between board meetings.

**Wetland Conservation Act** – Ed Clem reported on the following wetland conservation act items:

- Erie Township completed the road improvement project that they applied for. It was a small widening in the road near Cotton Lake.
- Reviewed Many Point Scout Camp Road for possible wetland impacts as the township will be working on the road.
- Reported on the Pump Lake site where water from the lake has run over and caused a large soil slump and gully.
- Met with DNR Hydrologist Bob Merritt on an ongoing violation on Lake Ida. It is a joint restoration order. The landowner has agreed to remove the fill, this should happen next week.
- The next TEP panel will be July 6<sup>th</sup> and be looking at the Danielson banking site proposal.

**Becker County Local Water Management Plan** – Brad reported that he met with BWSR Board Conservationists Chad Severts, Brian Dwight and Jeff Hrubes BWSR Clean Water Specialist to discuss the update of the Implementation Schedule of the Becker County Water Plan. Brad noted that the goals and objectives will be reviewed and some added and some removed when it is presented to our local committee. Also discussed adding language on lake issues, such as a water garden program, etc. Brad will try and schedule the committee meeting for the week of July 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Ag Inspector Program** – Brad reviewed the information from the May 27<sup>th</sup> Pulling Together Initiative Committee meeting. Also presented a summary from Marsha on the June 10<sup>th</sup> Minn. Association of County Ag Inspectors board meeting held in Worthington.

**Cost-share Contracts -**

The following cost-share contracts were presented for consideration:

Cont. #09-36. Amendment #1. Landrum Lake Gun Club requested an amendment for an extension of time until November 1, 2010 to complete the pipe installation.

Motion (Flottesch, Beck) to approve amendment #1 for Landrum Gun Club until November 1, 2010.

Affirmative: Unanimous. Carried.

The following cost-share contracts were presented for payment authorization.

Contract #09-42, with Matt Mattick, windbreak. Total cost of practice \$1,054.10. Eligible cost-share \$790.00.

Contract #09-39, with Ed Schweigart, windbreak. Total cost of practice \$1,600.30. Eligible cost-share \$1,200.00.

Contract #09-38 with James Elliott, windbreak. Total cost of practice \$429.00. Eligible cost-share \$321.00.

Contract AW#474 with Bob Larson for well sealing. Total cost \$480.00. Eligible cost-share payment from water plan funds \$240.00.

Motion (Flottesch, Beck) to authorize payment of the above listed cost-share contracts for the amounts listed.

Affirmative. Unanimous. Carried.

The following cost-share contracts were presented for consideration:

Cont. #10-9 with Randy Lefebvre, water and sediment control basins. Estimated cost \$11,335.00. This is also an EQIP project. Eligible state cost-share 75% not to exceed \$4,018.00.

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Cont. NB-10-1 with Randy Guetter, Native Buffer Cost-share. Estimated cost \$1,017.00. Eligible cost-share \$762.00.

Cont. #10-12 with City of Audubon well sealing. Eligible cost-share 50% not to exceed \$240.00.

Cont. #10-10 with Bill Zurn, well sealing. Eligible cost-share 50% not to exceed \$240.00.

Cont. #10-11 with Bill Zurn, well sealing. Eligible cost-share 50% not to exceed \$240.00. (Note the Bill Zurn wells are in two different sections so both are eligible).

Motion (Beck, Flottemesch) to approve the above listed cost-share contracts for the amounts presented.

Affirmative: Unanimous. Carried.

**DNR Contract** – The FY 2011 DNR Well Monitoring Contract was presented for consideration.

Motion (Flottemesch, Beck) to approve the FY 2011 DNR Well Monitoring Contract as presented. Affirmative: Unanimous. Carried.

**2011 Budget** – Brad presented a preliminary 2011 budget showing the impacts of the state cuts. The final budget will have to be acted on at the July meeting as it will be due to Becker County in August.

**Water Management Summit** – A Water Management Summit is scheduled for July 12, 2010 in St. Cloud. At least one SWCD Supervisor, County Commissioner, Watershed District Manager, SWCD staff, watershed staff are encouraged to attend. After discussion, the supervisors will send two board members and Brad will also attend.

**District Capacity Award** – Ginger noted that the Dist. Capacity Award entry is due in August along with the selection of the Conservationist of the Year Award selection.

**Other –**

- Crow Wing Watershed Project – Brad reviewed the Crow Wing Watershed Project with the supervisors. The project involves 9 counties with Wadena SWCD, Hubbard SWCD and Crow Wing SWCD taking the leads. Our role will be to attend three meetings and do some public news releases. We will be reimbursed for attending the meetings.
- Brad noted that our LCCMR Grant application for terrestrial invasive program was not approved by the committee.
- Save the dates notice for the 2010 BWSR Training Academy, Oct. 26-28
- Minn. Assn. of RC&D's Summer Conference Aug. 18<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>.

Being no further business, motion (Flottemesch, Beck) to adjourn. Affirmative: Unanimous. Carried.

**Approved: Jerome Flottemesch, Secretary**

**Date: July 21, 2010**