

**Becker Soil and Water Conservation District  
Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting  
Wednesday, September 22, 2010**

The regular meeting of the Becker Soil and Water Conservation Board of Supervisors was held on Wednesday, September 22, 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, Don Lefebvre, Dist. Conservationist Ed Musielewicz, County Commissioner Barry Nelson, 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 (Beck, Flottesmesch) to approve the August 18<sup>th</sup> minutes as sent out and received by the supervisors. Affirmative: Unanimous. Motion carried.

3<sup>rd</sup> quarter vouchers and extra meetings were presented.

The financial statements, bills payable, and 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter supervisor's vouchers and extra meetings were presented for approval. The extra meetings authorized were:

7/9/10 Big Toad Lake COLA Meeting –Beck  
7/12/10 Water Summit Meeting in St. Cloud – Lefebvre  
7/13/10 Eastern Becker Co. PTI Weed Tour – Beck  
7/14/10 Western Becker Co. PTI Weed Tour – Flottesmesch, Grossman  
7/20/10 Local Water Plan Meeting – Grossman, Lefebvre, Beck, Flottesmesch  
7/22/10 RRVCSA Joint Powers Board Personnel Committee – Flottesmesch  
8/25/10 BWSR Tour – Grossman, Lefebvre, Beck, Flottesmesch  
9/7/10 Budget Meeting – Grossman, Flottesmesch  
9/10/10 RRVCSA Joint Powers Board Executive Committee Mtg. – Flottesmesch  
9/23/10 Buffalo-Red River Watershed Dist. Tour – Flottesmesch, Grossman

Motion (Lefebvre, Flottesmesch) to approve payment of bills, financial statements and 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter supervisor's vouchers as presented. Affirmative: Unanimous. Carried.

**MCIT Insurance** – Ginger reviewed the Supervisors Workman's Comp. Insurance and how it applies to supervisors and how the premiums are arrived at and what salary is used to determine the premiums.

The supervisors recognized Dist. Administrator Brad Grant for his forty years of service to the Becker SWCD.

**Reports:**

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

- Construction on the Randy Lefebvre grassed waterway has started.

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- Becker County has 5,200 acres approved for the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP). Payments to landowners for the CSP program will total around \$600,000.
- The Local Work Group Meeting for the 2011 EQIP program is scheduled for Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.
- The Farm Service Agency will now have a Conservation Loan Program available for conservation projects.

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

- Construction of erosion and sediment control basins continues. Jobs completed or under construction since last meeting include, Gary Myers, Tom Herfindahl, Tom Bergren, Bruce Hein, Chad Okeson, and Russ Okeson. The Roger Haugen project should be started next week.

**Water Plan Update** – Brad reported that the Becker County Commissioners held a public hearing at their August 24<sup>th</sup> meeting on the amendment to the implementation schedule to the Becker County Local Water Management Plan. Brad presented the information at the meeting. No comments were offered. The commissioners approved forwarding the amended implementation schedule to BWSR for the 45 day comment period. The amendment will be presented to the BWSR Water Plan Committee on October 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Red River Valley Conservation Service Area Joint Powers Board (RRVCSA) Executive Committee** – Jerome reported on the RRVCSA Executive Committee Meeting held in Mahanomen on September 9<sup>th</sup>. The committee reviewed the financial reports and other operational items. The JPB staff will be asked to give a report at the MAWSCD Area I meeting November 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Water Summit Committee Meeting** – Jerome reported on the Water Summit Committee that has been formed and met on September 15<sup>th</sup> in St. Cloud. The committee is made up of 10 Watershed District representatives, 10 SWCD representatives, and 10 County Commissioners. The committee was divided into three task forces, one to look at watershed basin management, one on administrative support, and one on state funding and local water planning. Jerome is on the funding group. They discussed ways to distribute funds to SWCD's, true block grants, levying authority, etc. This committee will meet again on October 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Clean Water Fund Competitive Grants Applications** – Brad reported that two applications for Clean Water Fund Competitive Grants were submitted. The grants were for projects in the Hay Creek watershed and Campbell Creek watershed. Total grant amounts requested was \$163,000. Approved grants will be announced in December.

**Ag Inspector Program** – Marsha reported on the September 8<sup>th</sup> Minnesota Assn. of County Ag Inspectors Board meeting she attended. Items included a summary of the Annual Conference and training course that was held in Worthington in July. Planning for next year's conference is underway and will be held somewhere in northwest Minnesota. Marsha also updated the supervisors on various weed programs she is working on. Marsha met with some interested parties on combating invasive weeds on snowmobile trails, etc.

**Wetland Conservation Act** – Ed Clem reported on a wetland issue on Upper Cormorant Lake. Ed also discussed wetland enforcement on ATV trails etc. Violations caused by ATV's is pretty much a DNR enforcement issue. He met with a landowner on a concern about the recent Boyer Lake project.

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**Cost-share Contracts** – the following cost-share contracts were presented for action:

Contract #11-1 with Glenn Stearns, abandoned well sealing. Eligible cost-share 50% not to exceed \$240.00.

Contract #11-2 with Scott Olds, abandoned well sealing. Eligible cost-share 50% not to exceed \$240.00.

Contract #HCNB-6 with Kevin Lunde, native seeding. Estimated cost \$300. Eligible cost-share \$225.00.

Motion (Lefebvre, Flottemesch) to approve the above cost-share contracts. Affirmative: Unanimous. Carried.

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

Cost-share contract #10-2 with John Kohler abandoned well sealing. Total cost \$578.00. Cost share \$240.00.

Motion (Flottemesch, Lefebvre) to authorize payment of contract #10-2 in the amount of \$240.00.

Affirmative: Unanimous. Carried.

Cost-share contract #89-9 with Gary Larson, windbreak. Total eligible cost \$3,576.00. Eligible cost-share \$2,640.00.

Motion (Beck, Flottemesch) to authorize payment of contract #89.9 in the amount of \$2,531.00. Affirmative: Unanimous. Carried.

**2010-11 Tree Order** – Brad noted that the price list from Schumacher's Nursery for the 2010-11 is out. He noted that some species have increased from one to three cents and some have stayed the same. In order to get the tree order out in early October, Brad requested authorization to prepare the 2010-11 Tree Order Form and set the tree prices taking the increases into consideration when doing so.

Motion (Beck, Flottemesch) to authorize the staff to prepare the 2010-11 Tree Order as discussed.

Affirmative: Unanimous. Carried.

**Misc.-**

- BWSR Training Academy Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>. Brad noted that Dean and Ed will attend the whole training and Ginger and Brad will attend the 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Buffalo-Red Watershed District tour – Sept.23. Duane and Jerome will attend.
- EQIP Work Group meeting Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Jr. Envirothon in Fergus Falls Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>.
- NRBG Grant Audit Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>.
- The WesMin RC&D agenda and minutes were distributed in the supervisor's packets.

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

Approved: Jerome Flottemesch, District Secretary

Date: October 20, 2010