

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

The regular meeting of the Becker Soil and Water Conservation Board of Supervisors was held on Wednesday, November 17th 2010, at 8:00 a.m. in the Conference Room of the Ag Center Building, 809 8th St. S.E. in Detroit Lakes, Minnesota.

Those present were supervisors Duane Grossman, Tony Beck, Jerome Flottesmesch, Joe Stenger, Dist. Conservationist Ed Musielewicz, County Commissioner Barry Nelson, Dist. Secretary Ginger Flynn, and Dist. Administrator Brad Grant.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Grossman.

Motion (Flottesmesch, Beck) to approve the September 22nd minutes as sent out and received by the supervisors. Affirmative: Unanimous. Motion carried.

The financial statements and bills payable were presented for approval.

Motion (Beck, Flottesmesch,) to approve the financial statements and bills payable as presented. Affirmative: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Pay Equity – Brad noted that the SWCD Pay Equity Report is due January 31, 2011.

Reports:

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

- Rice Lake Restoration Project – meeting scheduled for Nov. 24th on the project.
- Lefebvre waterway is complete. Final seeding next spring. Waterway held up well during the recent 3 inch rain.
- Making EQIP payments to landowners who installed practices this season.
- Will be attending a Conservation Stewardship Program tele-conference tomorrow in Perham.
- The CRP Contribution Agreement between NRCS and MASWCD has been approved for Districts to prepare CRP plans for the recently completed sign-up.
- Recent swampbuster – wetland conservation act violation has been corrected by landowner.

Dist. Technician Report :

- Busy completing as built survey's on practices installed this season.
- Met with NRCS Area office Engineering Tech. Jim Gerdings on the 5% engineering spot check that was completed last week.
- Ed Clem has been doing field checks on recent CRP contracts and will begin preparing the CRP plans.

BWSR Academy – Brad and Ginger reported on the BWSR Training Academy held Oct. 26th – 28th. Ed and Dean attended all 3 days and Ginger and Brad the first two. Topics offered at the academy included elink reporting, financial year end reporting, Rural Preserve Program, Wetland Conservation Act, open meeting laws, water plans, and others. Staff felt it is good training and worth attending.

Water Plan Update – Brad reported that the Board of Water and Soil Resources has approved the 5 year amended Local Water Management Plan Implementation Schedule. The only change is that a goal dealing with expanding the ground water sampling in the Central Sand Plains area, which includes part of eastern

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Becker County. A goal dealing with this will be developed and included in the final resolution to be presented to the Becker County Commissioners for adoption. The county has 120 days to adopt and begin implementing the plan. It was felt that we may want to present this to the county commissioners at their January meeting after the two new commissioners take office. Brad will be meeting with Board Conservationist Chad Severts to develop the new goal and resolution.

Water Summit Sub-Committee Meeting – Jerome reported on the Water Summit Sub-Committee meeting he attended November 1st in St. Cloud. All three sub-committees will meet together December 13th.

Ag Inspectors Program – Marsha reported on the Minnesota-Wisconsin Invasive Species Conference she attended November 8-10th. Marsha gave a presentation at the conference on our Gravel Pit Certification Program and our ATV & Snowmobile Trail Invasive Plant Management Program. Over 600 people attended the conference. Marsha also noted that our next local PTI Committee meeting is scheduled for December 9th.

Wetland Conservation Act (WCA) – The following WCA items were reported on:

- Ed and Brad met with DNR Hydrologist Robert Merritt and contractor on repairing the Lake Ida ice ridge. This should resolve the violation.
- Met with a landowner wishing to install a geothermal heating system and place the coils into a wetland. This will be brought up at the next TEP on December 2nd.

Cost-share Contracts – Brad noted that native buffer contract #NB-10-2 was approved and signed at the July 21st meeting and a letter of approval sent out to the landowner. However, in checking the July minutes the approval action was not recorded in the July minutes.

Motion by (Flottemesch, Beck) to correct the transcription error of the July minutes on contract #NB-10-2, as it was approved. Affirmative: Unanimous. Carried.

The following abandoned well sealing contracts were presented for consideration:

Cont. #AW477 with Diane Vareberg, from water plan funds.

State cost-share contract #11-5 with Bob Scherzer, well sealing.

State cost-share contract #11-6 with Neil Meyer, well sealing.

Motion (Flottemesch, Beck), to approve the above listed abandoned well sealing contracts for 50% of the cost, not to exceed \$240.00 per contract. Affirmative: Unanimous. Carried.

The following abandoned well sealing contracts were presented for payment authorization:

Contract #AW476 with Tim Heggstuen. Total well sealing cost \$400.00. Eligible cost-share \$200.00 from water plan funds.

State cost-share contract #11-4 with Tony Beck. Total well sealing cost \$450.00. Eligible cost-share \$225.00.

Motion (Stenger, Flottemesch) to approve payment of the above listed well sealing contracts for the amounts presented. Affirmative: Flottemesch, Stenger. Abstained: Beck. Carried.

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

Contract #10-6 with Chad Okeson for sediment and erosion control basins. Total cost \$2,831.40. Eligible cost share \$2,123.00. (\$1,062.00 from state cost-share, \$1,061.00 from BRRWD funds).

Contract #10-16 with Okeson Farms for sediment and erosion control basins. Total cost \$2,349.67. Eligible cost-share \$1,762.00. (\$881.00 from state cost-share, \$881.00 from BRRWD funds).

Contract #09-6 with L.E. Hanson Farms for sediment and erosion control basins. Total cost \$22,874.56. Eligible state cost-share \$267.00. (This project also received EQIP cost-share).

Contract #10-5 with Eugene Kaiser for sediment and erosion control basins. Total cost \$2,377.50. Eligible cost-share \$1,783.00. (\$891.00 from BRRWD funds, \$892.00 from state cost-share funds).

Motion (Flottemesch, Beck) to authorize payment of the above listed cost-share contracts for the amounts listed. Affirmative: Unanimous. Carried.

Other :

- Area I MASWCD meeting tomorrow in Ada, leave office at 8:10.
- Red River Valley Conservation Service Area Joint Powers Board Mtg. tomorrow in Ada at 1:00 p.m.
- MASWCD Annual Conference, Dec. 5th – 7th in St. Paul. Registrations are made at the Crown Plaza in St. Paul. Our Conservationist of the Year will join us on Monday.
- Brad will begin work on the Annual Report 2010 and Annual Workplan for 2011.

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

**Approved: Jerome Flottemesch
Becker SWCD Chairman**

Date: December 15, 2010