

**Becker Soil and Water Conservation District  
Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting  
Wednesday, June 20, 2012**

The regular meeting of the Becker Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors was held at 8:00 a.m., on Wednesday, June 20, 2012, in the Conference Room of the Ag Center Building, 809 8<sup>th</sup> St. S.E., Detroit Lakes, Minnesota.

Those present were supervisors Duane Grossman, Tony Beck, Don Lefebvre, Kathy Stenger, Dist. Secretary Ginger Flynn, County Commissioner Barry Nelson, and Dist. Administrator Brad Grant.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Beck.

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

Motion (Grossman, Stenger) to approve the minutes of the Committee Meeting as a Whole held May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Affirmative: Unanimous. Carried.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter supervisors' vouchers and extra meetings were presented for review and approval. The extra meetings were:

May 23<sup>rd</sup> Committee Meeting as a Whole

June 21<sup>st</sup> MASWCD meeting for those attending tomorrow.

The May financial reports and bills payable were presented.

Motion (Lefebvre, Grossman) to approve the May financial statements, payment of bills and the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter supervisor vouchers as presented. Affirmative: Unanimous. Carried.

**Audit** – Ginger presented letters of engagement from James Maiser to audit the Becker SWCD 2011 financial records at a cost of \$2,000.

Motion (Stenger, Grossman) to accept the audit proposal from James Maiser as presented. Affirmative: Unanimous. Carried.

An audit proposal for the Red River Valley Conservation Service Area Joint Powers (RRVCSA) organization, for which we are the fiscal agent, was presented from James Maiser. Audit cost \$1,800.

Motion (Stenger, Grossman) to accept the proposal for the audit of the RRVCSA financial records from James Maiser. Affirmative: Unanimous. Carried.

**Reports:** Brad noted that Ed M., Ed Clem, and Nicole Schaffer are at wetland training. Ed Musielewicz written report included the following:

- Funded 20 EQIP contracts for \$266,450

- Funded 12 CSP contracts for \$153,527
- Funded one AWEPP contract for \$26,733
- There are 7 pending EQIP contracts for \$241,971.
- Have been working with Ron Gandrud and Julie Bailey to graze the Gandrud WRP easement along Hwy 59. Currently this is a 6 year plan, but if all goes well it could be extended,
- 94 CRP applications were approved from the last general signup. Will be starting status reviews and plan writing for these contracts.

**District Technicians Report:** Brad reported on the following technical items for Ed C. and Dean.

- Completing spot checks on state cost-share contracts
- Ed has been doing several permit reviews for the Pelican River Watershed District
- Reviewing sediment basin plans for fall construction.

**Biennial Budget Request (BBR):** Brad noted that the BBR's are due June 29<sup>th</sup>. He will be preparing 3 BBR's, one for the Natural Resources Block Grant, one for SWCD cost-share and general services and one competitive grant with three categories, which will include shoreland issues, water and sediment basins and also one for more work in the Hay Creek Watershed. These will be brought back to the July meeting for board review and approval. We will also prepare a BBR for the RRVCSA Joint Powers Board for a technical position.

On June 11<sup>th</sup> BWSR Clean Water Specialist Jeff Hrubes, Marcey Westrick, and Matt Drewitz met with Ed Clem and Brad to discuss the Clean Water Legacy Grants process and the new BBR process. Also, visited about the changes coming to the new eLink. Ed Clem may be asked to review the new eLink when it nears completion.

**DNR Well Monitoring Contract:** The FY 2013 well monitoring contract with DNR for monitoring wells in the Pineland Sands and Pelican River Sands was presented for consideration. The reimbursement rate for monitoring the wells remains the same at \$15 per well per reading.

Motion (Grossman, Stenger) to approve the well monitoring contract with DNR for FY 2013.  
Affirmative: Unanimous. Carried.

**Wetland Conservation Act:** Brad noted the following wetland issues.

- Currently have two outstanding Restoration Orders. One with a June 30<sup>th</sup> compliance deadline and one for Feb. of 2013.
- Did an on-site visit with the Planning Commission to the Momb property for reviewing the proposed obstacle race and mud run site.
- Responded to a report on Big Toad Lake on cutting trees in a wetland. Will be following this issue along with Zoning Office.

**Ag Inspector Program:** Marsha reported on the following Ag Inspector issues.

- Held a Hounds Tongue tour for identification and treatment for affected landowners in Silver Leaf Twp.

- Still collecting leafy spurge beetles. Collected 38,000 to date. Clay County came over and harvested some for their sites
- Met with Mike Reep on Recreational Trails sites
- Gravel Pits are looking good, added 2 more recently
- New Laptop is working well
- Attended a CIA Assn. Board meeting in Hibbing for final arrangements for the summer short course to be held at the end of July.
- Met with USFWS on issue in Cuba Twp.
- Worked on Jeff Perkins shoreline site planting.

**Vehicle Purchase:** Brad reported that a new vehicle was ordered through Burnsville Dodge. This was the same dealer and bid spec that Becker County used. Will be a 2012 Dodge 150 Extended Cab. Should arrive in 6-8 weeks.

**Red River Valley Conservation Service Area JPB Meeting (RRVCSA) – Motion** (Lefebvre, Grossman) to have Chairman Beck represent the SWCD at the RRVCSA Joint Powers Board meeting on June 21<sup>st</sup> in the absence of Jerome Flottesmesch. Affirmative. Unanimous. Carried.

**Resolutions:** The supervisors reviewed the 3 resolutions from Pennington SWCD that will be presented at tomorrow's area meeting.

**Other:**

- County Auditor/Treasurer Ryan Tangen sent out a budget calendar. Budget is due to the County, August 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Commissioner Nelson stated the hiring of a new County Administrator is moving forward.
- Staff is working on updating job descriptions and handbook.
- A meeting of the Committee as a Whole was scheduled for July 19<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon.

Being no further business, motion (Stenger, Grossman) to adjourn. Unanimous. Carried.

**Approved: Don Lefebvre, Becker SWCD Secretary      Dated: 7/18/2012**