

**Becker Soil and Water Conservation District
Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting
Wednesday, September 19, 2012**

The regular meeting of the Becker Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors was held at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 19, 2012 in the Conference Room of the Ag Center Building, 809 8th St. S.E., Detroit Lakes, Minnesota.

Those present were supervisors Duane Grossman, Jerome Flottemesch, Tony Beck, Don Lefebvre, Kathy Stenger, Dist. Secretary Ginger Flynn, Dist. Conservationist Ed Musielewicz, Dist. Technician Ed Clem, and Dist. Administrator Brad Grant.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Beck.

Motion by (Grossman, Stenger) to approve the August 15th minutes as sent out and received by the supervisors. Affirmative: Unanimous. Carried.

The 3rd quarter supervisor's vouchers and extra meeting were presented for review and payment authorization. Extra meetings were the following:

July 19th - Committee meeting of the Whole – Det. Lakes – Kathy, Don, Jerome, Tony, Duane

July 26th – Committee meeting of the Whole – Det. Lakes – Kathy, Don, Duane, Tony, Jerome

Aug. 21st – Local EQIP Program Workgroup, Det. Lakes – Kathy, Tony, Don, Jerome, Duane

Aug. 30th – Budget meeting – Det. Lakes – Tony

Sept. 6th – Leadership Training – Alexandria – Kathy, Duane, Tony

Sept. 20th – Buffalo-Red Watershed Dist. Tour. – Kathy, Tony, Jerome, Duane

Sept. 27th – Committee meeting of the Whole – Det. Lakes – Kathy, Don, Jerome, Duane, Tony

Motion (Flottemesch, Stenger) to approve the 3rd quarter supervisors' vouchers and extra meetings. Affirmative: Unanimous. Carried.

The August financial statements and bills were presented.

Motion (Grossman, Lefebvre) to approve the financial statements and payment of bills. Affirmative. Unanimous. Carried.

Ginger presented the final financial report for the 2011 Runoff Reduction Grant. All funds have been expended and it is complete. Upon receiving the final report, BWSR will send out the 10% that is retained.

Motion (Flottemesch, Grossman) to approve the final financial report for the 2011 Runoff Reduction Grant and forward to BWSR. Affirmative: Unanimous. Carried.

Discussed the recently received PERA questionnaire. The consensus of the Board was to support the change to hours worked to be part of the PERA retirement program. Instructed the staff to complete the questionnaire.

Motion (Lefebvre, Stenger) to authorize signing of the Non-Point Engineering Assistance Grant for FY-2013. Affirmative: Unanimous. Carried.

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Dist. Conservationist Ed Musielewicz reported on the following:

- Have been completing pasture management certification reviews.
- Two agriculture waste systems are nearing completion.
- The Brink Lake Restoration Project is moving forward. Five of the easements have been closed on. Will be meeting on abandoning County Ditch 17.
- Rice Lake Restoration Project – two easements left to close on. Will be doing soil borings on the Anchor Road portion of the project.
- NRCS Soil Conservationist Nicole Schaffer will be leaving us on October 18th and will be joining the Faribault office.
- NRCS may be contracting with a private agency to provide staff assistance.
- Completed a plant community assessment on the Barry Nelson banking site with Brad.

Bad Medicine Lake Association Request

Chuck Church, Steve & Lynn Lindow of the Bad Medicine Lake Association presented information on a Biological and Shoreline Trend Monitoring Grant for Bad Medicine Lake that they applied for in 2010, but did not receive one. They are now considering applying again, and would like the Becker SWCD to consider being the fiscal agent for the grant. The grant amount is not yet known but should be between \$35,000 and \$55,000. The administration fee probably could range from 10 – 20%. The SWCD role would be to pay the bills that would be submitted by the lake association.

After discussion motion (Flottemesch, Grossman) to serve as the fiscal agent for the Bad Medicine Lake Association grant, subject to final details being worked out. Affirmative: Unanimous. Carried.

Dist. Technicians Report – Dist. Technician Ed Clem reported on the following:

- Supervised construction on water and sediment control basins for the Tom Bergren, Todd Andresen, Matt Bjork and Okeson Farms projects during the past month.

Leadership Workshop – Supervisors Beck, Stenger, and Grossman reported on the Leadership Workshop they attended on Sept. 6th in Alexandria.

Resolution Committee – Jerome reported on the MASWCD Resolution Committee meeting he attended August 30th in St. Paul. Twenty- two resolutions were brought forward and will be on the ballot for consideration of the District Supervisors at the State conference.

MASWCD Area I Meeting – Ginger is awaiting final agenda items from Area I Chairperson Ken Pederson. Has sent out a save the date notice. The meeting will be October 25th at the Beautiful Savior Church in Callaway.

FY13 Clean Water Legacy Grant (CWL) Requests – Brad reported on the final CWL Grant requests that were submitted on September 14th. Three grant requests were submitted for the following:

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- **Exceptional Water Resource Protection Project;** for White Earth Lake, Big Cormorant Lake, Big Sugar Bush Lake, Strawberry Lake, and Bad Medicine Lake. Total project budget is \$89,500 with a CWL request of \$71,600.
- **Cormorant Lakes Area Water Quality Project;** for Upper Cormorant Lake, Lake Eunice, Maud Lake, Lake Ida and Middle Cormorant Lake. Total project budget is \$146,802 with a CWL request of \$117,442.
- **Buffalo-Red Watershed Shallow Lakes Restoration Project;** for Lime, Stinking, West Labelle, Boyer, Marshall, Stake, Forget-Me-Not, Goteborg and Gourd Lakes. Total project budget \$498,500 with a CWL request of \$398,800.

Also an Accelerated Implementation Grant for the Red River Valley Conservation Service Area Joint Powers Board was submitted seeking \$223,865.

Motion (Flottesch, Grossman) to approve the Clean Water Legacy Grant applications as submitted. Affirmative. Unanimous. Carried.

Ag Inspector Program – Marsha reported on the following Ag Inspector Program items.

- Attended the County Ag Inspectors Meeting in St. Cloud
- 43 attended this year's Ag Inspectors Short Course
- The Dist. 1 South Half Ag Inspectors meeting will be held in our conference room on Oct. 16th.
- New seed inspection rules.
- Toured some of the Becker County recreational trails for invasive plants with Marty Wylie, Becker County Forester
- Wrapping up the spotted knapweed weevil collection for the year.
- Held a tour of the DuPont test site with NRCS Area I Plant Materials Committee and DuPont representatives.
- Doing houndstongue inventory in Height of Land area.
- Attended the Aquatic Invasive Species meeting. Committee is discussing a multi-county approach for coordinating an AIS effort.

Cost-share Contracts – The following cost-share contracts were presented for consideration:

Cont. #12-19 with Bill Steffl, abandoned well sealing.

Cont. #12-20 with Ryan Heimark, abandoned well sealing.

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

Other –

- New Becker County Administrator Jack Ingstad will be coming by the office next Wednesday.
- Brad attended the Crow Wing River Watershed TMDL open house on Sept. 13th.
- Received confirmation for our funding request from the Buffalo-Red River Watershed Dist. for \$20,000.

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- Supervisors scheduled a Committee Meeting of the Whole for Sept. 27th.
- Buffalo-Red River Watershed Dist. Tour is tomorrow.
- Will be assisting with the Cormorant Days Outdoor Classroom on Sept. 27th & 28th.
- Junior Envirothon will be held Oct. 3rd in Fergus Falls.

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

Approved: Don Lefebvre, Becker SWCD Secretary

Dated: October 17, 2012