



Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting Wednesday June 19, 2019

Meeting Minutes

The regular meeting of the Becker Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors was held on Wednesday June 19, 2019 in the Conference Room of the USDA Ag Center Building located at 809 8th Street SE, Detroit Lakes, MN.

Those present were Chairman Tony Beck, Jerome Flottesch, Kathleen Stenger, Travis Schauer and Eugene Pavelko. Staff members include District Administrator Peter Mead, Office Manager Deana Westberg and County Commissioner Barry Nelson and BWSR Representative Brett Arne was also in attendance.

Call to Order

Chairman Beck called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Approval of Agenda and Consent Agenda Items

(May 15, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes; Employee Program Reports)

Motion (Flottesch, Stenger) to approve the amended June Agenda, May Meeting Minutes and Employee Reports. Affirmative: Unanimous. Carried.

Financial Reports

Treasurers Report and Bills for Approval were reviewed by Mead.

Motion (Schauer, Flottesch) to approve the May's Treasurer's Report and list of bills to pay for June. Affirmative: Unanimous. Carried.

Supervisor Expenses and Special Meetings

Review and Approve 2nd QTR Supervisor Expenses & Special Meetings

Motion (Stenger, Schauer) to approve the Supervisor's Expenses and Special Meetings. Affirmative: Unanimous. Carried.

Open Forum

Discussion regarding renewing a gift subscription to the Minnesota Conservation Volunteer publication. It was decided to renew with a suggested \$25.00 donation.

Motion (Stenger, Beck) to approve the \$25.00 gift subscription. Affirmative: Unanimous. Carried.

Grants and Agreements

Review and Approval of FY 2020 DNR Observation Well Monitoring Contract: Same as last year. \$3,600

Review and Approval of NACD Technical Assistance Grant: \$101,430

Motion (Schauer, Pavelko) to approve the FY 2020 DNR Observation Well Monitoring Contract and the NACD Technical Assistance Grant. Affirmative: Unanimous. Carried.

BWSR Report

Board Conservationist Brett Arne from the Detroit Lakes BWSR office reported on the Minnesota Legislation updates that will affect the SWCD.

Lawn to Legumes will really only affect the Metro areas. However, discussions regarding incentives to set up Pollinator Workshops and city gardens.

Also discussed is the Wild Rice Protection program that has about \$1 million to use and the Clean Water Fund which was signed yesterday by the legislation. Watershed-based Funding Grants increased from \$9.7 to \$26.9 million for fiscal year 20-21. Accelerated Implementation increased from \$7.6 to \$8 million. Projects and Practices Grants (competitive grants) increased from \$19.5 to \$32 million. Applications are due 09/30/2019. CREP funding increased from \$3 to \$17 million. SWCD Capacity Funding increased from \$22 to \$24 million.

There were a few statute changes. Brett handed out a 3 page Sec. 76. (103C.332) Soil and Water Conservation Districts; Duties and Services. This is a "clarification of duties" of the 14 page 103C.331 which consolidated all the duties into 1 document. Discussion on the word "must" used in the first line of this statute.

Clean Water Legacy Cost Share Amendments for Approval

Vance Jirava, CWL-9-WR, Increased project costs - Total Project Cost: \$50,500 Cost Share: \$50,500

Motion Pavelko, Schauer to approve the Clean Water Legacy Cost Share Amendments as presented. Affirmative: Unanimous. Carried.

State Cost Share Applications for Approval

Roger Foltz, #BA-11, Filter Strip(s). Total Project Costs \$11,250 with flat rate cost share of \$11,250

Lowell Jorgenson, #BA-12, Filter Strip(s). Total project costs \$720 with flat rate cost share of \$720.

Motion Schauer, Flottemesch to approve the State Cost Share Applications as presented. Affirmative: Unanimous. Carried.

State Cost Share Cost Share Vouchers for Payment

Brent Gilbertson, #SCS-18-10, Full Season Cover Crop. Total Project Costs \$1389 with flat rate cost share of \$1389.

Motion Flottemesch, Stenger to approve the State Cost Share Cost Share Vouchers as presented. Affirmative: Unanimous. Carried.

Clean Water Legacy Cost Share Vouchers for Payment

Jeri Jasken, #CWL-7-WR, Water & Sediment Control Basins. Total project costs \$28,753, cost share payment of \$860.

Vance Jirava, #CWL-9-WR, Water & Sediment Control Basins. Total project costs \$78,989, cost share payment of \$50,500.

Motion (Stenger,Flottemesch) to approve the Clean Water Legacy Cost Share Voucher as presented. Affirmative: Unanimous. Carried.

Travis Schauer, #CWL-5-TD, Full Season Cover Crop. Total project costs \$1613, cost share payment of \$1613.

Motion (Stenger,Pavelko) to approve the Clean Water Legacy Cost Share Voucher as presented. Affirmative: Beck, Flottemesch. Schauer abstained from voting. Carried.

2020 Operational Budget

Budget Committee Meeting Date was scheduled for Tuesday July 9th, 2019 at 10:00 am.

Seeing no further business, Chairman Beck adjourned the meeting at 9:26 am.

Approved: Eugene Pavelko, Becker SWCD Secretary

Date: July 17, 2019

Upcoming meetings for the board:

June 24th Wild Rice One Watershed One Plan Policy Committee Meeting in Ada

June 25th Red River Valley Conservation Service Area Board meeting in Mahnomon.