



## **Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting Wednesday, June 17, 2020**

### **Meeting Minutes**

The regular meeting of the Becker Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors was held on Wednesday June 17, 2020 at the Becker SWCD Shop Facility located at 1366 Mallard Street, Detroit Lakes, MN.

Those present were Supervisors Tony Beck, Eugene Pavelko, Michelle Andresen and Curt Ballard. Staff members District Administrator Peter Mead, Office Manager Deana Westberg, NRCS District Conservationist Ed Musielewicz, NRCS Pathways Intern John Harbinson, SWCD Shoreland Technician Logan Riedel and SWCD Summer Intern Garrett Armstrong.

#### **Call to Order**

Filling in for Chairman Schauer, Supervisor Gene Pavelko called the meeting to order at 8:31 AM.

Special introductions for 3 new employees. Mead introduced:

- Board Supervisor Curtis Ballard
- NRCS Pathways Intern John Harbinson
- SWCD Seasonal Technician/AIS Decon Inspector Garrett Armstrong.

#### **Approval of Agenda and Consent Agenda Items**

(May 20, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes; Employee Program Reports)

Motion (Beck, Andresen) to approve the consent agenda items including the May meeting minutes and employee program reports. Affirmative: Unanimous. Carried.

#### **Financial Reports**

Mead reviewed the Treasurers Report and the amended Bills for Approval.

Motion (Andresen, Beck) to approve the May Treasurer's Report and June bills for payment. Affirmative: Unanimous. Carried.

#### **Supervisor Expenses and Special Meetings**

Review and Approve 2<sup>nd</sup> QTR Supervisor Expenses & Special Meetings

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

#### **Reports**

SWCD Shoreland Technician Logan Riedel reported:

- Working with SWCD Shoreland Technician Brandon Dahring and Intern Garrett Armstrong
- Been a few cancellations due to weather and Covid-19 restrictions
- Project at Bad Medicine Lake
- Annual Native plants and seed kits sales done in accordance to COVID. Record sales this year.

- Featured on the Hodge Podge radio program and the DL Tribune news article, which has generated quite a bit of new interest in the Lawns to Legumes Program.
- A double Coir Log install (pictures shown)
- Collaboration with Clay SWCD of a shoreland project at Turtle Lake
- Coordinated and managed the Conservation Corps Group from Duluth for a week – they helped with maintenance on several projects. An impressive, hard working crew with a motivated leader.
- Dunton Locks project scheduled for later this month – we will do the revegetation construction.
- BWSR asked Logan to lead a Shoreland Restoration class for the Academy in October.

District Administrator Peter Mead reported:

- BWSR asked Mead to do a Partnership session and a Social Media session with Phil Doll for the Academy in October.
- Showed drone video of the Turtle Lake shoreline project
- Discussion on CREP Easements and RIM (Reinvest in Minnesota) in the Lake Park Township
- The stolen truck was found and returned damaged. Insurance totaled the pickup and reimbursed for the 2 AIS mats not found. The 2 AIS replacement mats have been purchased and received and 2 used trucks have been purchased. One to replace the AIS truck and one for Engineering use.
- NRCS Civil Engineering Technician, Abbi Klos has been hired and starts on June 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- Discussion regarding the 2 recent Board Supervisor openings/replacements. Our County Attorney is scheduled to meet with a judge to request to extend the current terms of the 2 Board Supervisors who unexpectedly had to retire early.
- Noncompliance Buffer Law letters are to be mailed out from the county and we will help work with the landowners to become compliant.
- COVID-19 update – At a Level 1 so the doors are still locked to the public and employees teleworking when they can.
- Pictures shown of the large rain amounts recently showing concerning water and sed basins.

NRCS District Conservationist Ed Musielewicz reported:

- Received 6 applications
- 23 million in the Red River Valley
- Discussed the scoring and point system

### **Local Water Management**

1W1P updates for the Buffalo Red, Wild Rice and Red Eye Watersheds.

- Draft documents were sent out for 60 day review of the Red Eye and Buffalo Red River Watershed 1W1P.
- The Board discussed and reviewed both documents and finds they meet the needs and requirements of local water management priorities.
- The board recommends that these plans be submitted to the Board of Water and Soil Resources for their approval.

Motion (Beck, Andresen) to support the Resolution of One Watershed One Plan Submittals as presented. Affirmative: Unanimous. Carried

### **Open Forum**

No discussion

## **MASWCD Resolutions**

### Submitted Area 1 Resolutions

- Pollinator Habitat on Public Land to help a dwindling population of pollinators
- Supervisor Per Diem to increase to a maximum of \$125.00

### Resolution to Develop Sustainable Grazing Incentive Act

- To encourage private landowners to keep their wooded areas undeveloped
- Fiscal estimated cost to MASWCD to implement is \$3,750

Motion (Beck, Andresen) to approve the above Resolution to Develop Sustainable Grazing Incentive Act to be sent to the Area I SWCD Office for approval as presented. Affirmative: Unanimous. Carried

## **Clean Water Legacy Applications for Approval**

# CWL-47-BR, Matthew Bjerke, Water and Sediment Control Basins-Total Project Cost:\$26,101 Cost Share: \$19,575

# CWL-11-WR, Tom Bergren, Water and Sediment Control Basins-Total Project Cost:\$76,784 Cost Share: \$69,606

# CWL-12-WR, John Austinson, Water and Sediment Control Basins-Total Project Cost:\$91,053 Cost Share: \$81,948

Motion (Ballard, Beck) to approve the Clean Water Legacy Applications as presented. Affirmative: Unanimous. Carried

## **Clean Water Legacy Contract Cancellation**

#CWL-54-LP, Jim Snyder, Duplicate Contract

Motion (Beck, Andresen) to approve the Clean Water Legacy Contract Cancellation as presented. Affirmative: Unanimous. Carried

## **Clean Water Legacy Amendment for Approval**

# CWL-44-BR, Don Berland, Water and Sediment Control Basins-Total Project Cost: \$22,934

Motion (Andresen, Beck) to approve the Clean Water Legacy Amendment as presented. Affirmative: Unanimous. Carried.

## **Clean Water Legacy Vouchers for Approval**

# CWL-36-BR, Charles Wentz, Water and Sediment Control Basins-Total Project Cost: \$51,406 Cost Share final payment: \$5,670

# CWL-44-BR, Don Berland, Water and Sediment Control Basins-Total Project Cost: \$22,934 Cost Share: \$13,965

Motion (Beck, Andresen) to approve the Clean Water Legacy Vouchers as presented. Affirmative: Unanimous. Carried.

## **Adjourn**

**Approved: Michelle Andresen, Becker SWCD Secretary**

**Date: July 15, 2020**