



Board of Supervisors Meeting  
Wednesday May 18, 2022

### Meeting Minutes

The regular meeting of the Becker Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors was held on Wednesday May 18, 2022 in the Conference Room of the USDA Ag Center Building located at 809 8th Street SE, Detroit Lakes, MN.

Those present were Supervisors Eugene Pavelko, Tony Beck, Curt Ballard and Michelle Andresen. Staff members include District Administrator Bryan Malone, Office Manager Deana Westberg, Office Assistant Christy Johnson, NRCS District Conservationist Ed Musielewicz, NRCS Team Lead Robert Guetter, Resource Technician Brandon Dahring, MCC Summer Apprentice Finn Lepper, new County Ag inspector Brandon Gill, County Ag Inspector Marsha Watland and County Commissioner Barry Nelson.

Chairman Pavelko called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m.

#### Agenda and Consent Agenda Items

April 20, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes; Employee Program Reports)

**Motion (Ballard, Beck) to approve the April meeting minutes and employee program reports. Affirmative: Unanimous. Carried.**

**Motion (Beck, Andresen) to approve the Agenda and Consent Agenda. Affirmative: Unanimous. Carried.**

#### Financial Reports

##### Treasurers Report and Bills for Approval

Malone reviewed the Treasurers Report and Bills for Approval

**Motion (Andresen, Ballard) to approve the April Treasurer's Report and May Bills for Approval. Affirmative: Unanimous. Carried.**

##### County Highway Property

County Commissioner Barry Nelson reported that the County Highway Property was sold to one buyer.

##### CD Renewals

Westberg reviewed the May Midwest Bank CD maturing and the current Interest Rates. Gene Pavelko recommended renewing at the shortest-term interest rate.

**Motion (Beck, Ballard) to renew CD at the 12-month interest rate. Affirmative: Unanimous. Carried.**

#### Elections

Filing open from May 17<sup>th</sup> – May 31<sup>st</sup> District 1 and 4 for Curt Ballard and Gene Pavelko.

#### Personnel

- Brandon Gill, new County Ag Inspector started on May 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- MCC Summer Apprentice, Finn Lepper will start on May 18<sup>th</sup>.
- MASWCD has new leadership conference being offered this year if any Board members interested in attending. (Get specific dates and times to supervisors for scheduling.)

#### Reports

District Administrator Bryan Malone reported:

- 1W1P
  - Technical Advisory Committee meeting for the Otter Tail River. Had a PTMApp demonstration and reviewed the landscape Stewardship Plan.

- Attended the Otter Tail Policy Committee meeting where they approved the Focus Resources Map and Vision Statement.
- Met with the Wild Rice, Buffalo-Red and the Redeye Planning Committees to discuss the workplans for the next round of funding available in July.
- Projects
  - Working on 2 SSTS applications.
  - Met with landowners to discuss their project.
  - Site visit with Kyle Vareberg for WASCBS to divert water from lake homeowners.
  - Met with USACOE and BWSR on a proposed banking site on the Buffalo River.
  - Cost-share applications for well sealing, cover crops, pit closures and WASCBS.
- Grant Applications
  - Completed the Soils Health grant that was due May 9<sup>th</sup> for \$480,000.
  - This had to focus on public water systems and was limited on the type of practices.
- Meetings and Other
  - Attended the Local Work Group meeting virtually.
  - Submitted an offer on two of the county sheds.
  - Helped a little with tree handout.
  - Quickbooks update
  - RCPP for Irrigation management kickoff meeting in Staples.
  - Agenda planning session for the Area 1 Meeting June 21<sup>st</sup>.
  - Reviewed the draft Geologic Atlas report for Becker County.
  - Attended Becker County NRM meeting.
  - Developed a draft updated Operational Agreement with NRCS.
- TSA
  - Phase II Structure and Governance meeting May 3<sup>rd</sup> with a smaller group of Managers at our office.
  - Interviewed for the engineer position for the 9 SWCDs in the north.
  - WOT SWCD has an advertisement for engineering technician until end of the month.

### Open Forum

No discussion

### Comprehensive Watershed Management Planning

2023-2024 WBIF Workplans reviewed and discussed:

- Buffalo-Red River Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan 2023-2024 final allocation for Becker SWCD \$301,222.28
- Red Eye Watershed Based Implementation Budget FY 23/24 (Draft) for Becker SWCD \$26,035
- Wild Rice-Marsh Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan Watershed Based Implementation Funding 2023-2024 for Becker SWCD Grand Total of \$144,305

### AIS Management Grant Applications

Toad Lake Association for applied for a \$4,000 Grant for AIS control in Toad Lake.

Pelican River Watershed District applied for a \$4,000 Grant for AIS control in Detroit Lake.

**Motion (Ballard, Beck) to approve the AIS Management Grant Applications as presented. Affirmative: Unanimous. Carried.**

Mahnomen County requested AIS assistance with South Twin Lake not to exceed the rate of \$7,600 for 2022.

**Motion (Beck, Andresen) to approve the AIS Mahnomen County Agreement as presented. Affirmative: Unanimous. Carried.**

### Equipment

Quote from RDO on Tractor, Drill, Fabric Machine, Tiller totaled \$143,000. After much discussion, it was recommended Brandon retain quotes from other dealers on different brands of tractors of the same caliber and send all information to the supervisors before the next board meeting.

## **75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Celebration ideas discussed. Christy Johnson proposed possible banquet days in March or April of 2023 at either the Holiday Inn or Holmes Theater in Detroit Lakes. She has requested quotes from both facilities to be discussed at next month's board meeting. After preliminary discussions, it was decided the week after Easter would be best. Christy will reach out to both facilities to discuss finalized quotes.

## **Red River Valley Conservation Service Area**

Reorganization Proposals – PRAP Phase II.

Meeting on May 3rd reduced 9 possible scenarios to 4. Options identified could address current and future Engineering Workload in the RRVCSA. The next TSA Board meeting is scheduled for June 1<sup>st</sup> at Mahnomen where these 4 proposals will be discussed.

## **MASWCD Resolutions**

No new resolutions to present for the Area 1 meeting in June.

## **SSTS Upgrade Grant Application**

- SSTS-01-22, Gene Schmidt, Subsurface Sewage Treatment System - Total Project Cost: \$6,100  
50% Cost Share \$3,050

**Motion (Beck, Ballard) to approve SST Upgrade Grant Application as presented. Affirmative: Unanimous. Carried**

## **Clean Water Fund Applications**

- CWF-03-FFBC, Bruce Nelson, Cover crop - Total Project Cost \$20,481.60  
Flat Rate Share \$20,481.60

**Motion (Beck, Andresen) to approve Clean Water Fund Applications as presented. Affirmative: Unanimous. Carried**

## **Watershed Based Implementation Fund Applications**

- 1W1P-03-RE, Tim Hendrickson, Prescribed Grazing – Total Project Cost: \$33,679.32  
90% Cost Share \$15,311.39; EQIP \$15,000

**Motion (Andresen, Beck) to approve the Watershed Based Implementation Application as presented. Affirmative: Unanimous. Carried**

- 1W1P-06-RE, Glenn Yliniemi, Waste Facility Closure – Total Project Cost: \$19,600  
75% Cost Share \$14,700

**Motion (Beck, Andresen) to approve the Watershed Based Implementation Application pending applicant signature. Affirmative: Unanimous. Carried**

## **State Cost-Share Contract Application**

- SCS-20-11, Chris Erickson, Well Sealing - Total Project Cost \$575  
50% Cost Share \$287.50
- SCS-20-12, Chris Erickson, Well Sealing - Total Project Cost \$575  
50% Cost Share \$287.50
- SCS-20-13, Duane Erickson, Well Sealing - Total Project Cost \$2,000  
50% Cost Share, Not to Exceed \$750
- SCS-20-14, Rodney Hamernik, Well Sealing - Total Project Cost \$1075  
50% Cost Share \$537.50
- SCS-21-2, Jim Jirava, Well Sealing - Total Project Cost \$1,275  
50% Cost Share \$637.50
- SCS-21-3, Jim Jirava, Well Sealing - Total Project Cost \$2,000  
50% Cost Share, Not to Exceed \$750
- SCS-21-4, Dwight Hanson, WASCB - Total Project Cost \$22,198  
75% Cost Share \$567.50; EQIP \$16,081
- SCS-21-5, Joey Gullard, Grassed Waterway - Total Project Cost \$5,156.80  
75% Cost Share \$3,867.60

- SCS-21-6, Tony Zurn, WASCB - Total Project Cost \$4,000  
75% Cost Share \$3,000

**Motion (Ballard, Beck) to approve State Cost Share Application as presented. Affirmative:  
Unanimous. Carried**

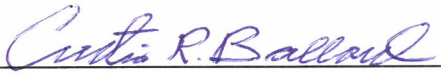
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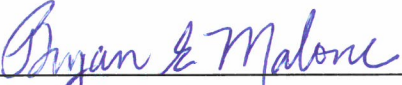
NRCS Team Lead Robert Guetter requested a board motion to approve the updated Operational Agreement with NRCS.

**Motion (Andresen, Beck) to continue with the NRCS Agreement as presented. Affirmative:  
Unanimous. Carried**

**Adjourn**

Seeing no further business, Chairman Pavelko adjourned the meeting at 11:02 am.

  
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Board Secretary  
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District Administrator  
6/15/22  
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