

Minutes of the April BELTRAMI SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT Board of Supervisors Meeting held April 23rd, 2009.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER at 9:05 AM by Chair, Frenzel.

Those present were:

Wes Frenzel, Chair	Ruth Trask, Treasurer
Jay Backstrom, Secretary	Shane Bowe, Legislative & Public Relations
Jerome Geerdes, Vice Chair	Chris Parthun, District Manager
Larry Voltz, Dist. Cons. (NRCS)	Jerry Stensing, Stewardship Forester
Paula L Lowe, Administrative Assistant	

SECRETARY REPORT

Motion by J Backstrom, second by J Geerdes to approve March minutes as mailed, carried.

TREASURER REPORT

Motion by R Trask, second by S Bowe to accept March Treasurer's Report as submitted for audit, carried.

NEW COOPERATORS - NONE

MN COST-SHARE CONTRACTS

MN Biomes JW Smith cost share contract tabled.

STEWARDSHIP FORESTER REPORT

Motion by J Geerdes, J Backstrom to authorize Forester to write 3 articles for the MN Tree Farm Newsletter, carried.

NMF Fund approval of organizer title tabled.

Motion by J Geerdes, second by S Bowe to amend the temporary help agreement to show an increase in hours and funding not to exceed \$7,008.00, carried.

Wildlife workshop had 26 attendees and was very well received. The cost of the facility was more than anticipated. A request was made of the GRC&D for funds to cover the additional costs.

RC&D

WATER PERMIT- NONE

Permit # 2009-0530 was presented to the Board for comment.

Permit # 2009-0525 was presented to the Board for comment.

ONGOING/TABLED BUSINESS

Website policy- Steve Woods (BWSR), Chad Severts (BC), Shane Bowe (Board Supervisor) and Chris Parthun (District Manager) met to discuss Beltrami SWCD draft website policy. Board discussion followed and will be addressed again at the next meeting.

MASWCD dues- All of the financial information has been sent in.

NEW BUSINESS

Wage and Benefit report. MN State Statute 13.43 Personal Data requires that we supply this information. We have completed this and sent it in as requested.

The Board reviewed the City of Bemidji west side trail cut and staff recommendations for changes in vegetation component. Discussion followed.

Media coverage of this years' Area VIII Envirothon was well done. Lakeland TV, Bemidji Pioneer and the DNR Information office were all there.

Area VIII MASWCD – The resolution meeting will be held Friday June 12th here in Bemidji.

D.C. REPORT

. **Motion** by R Trask, second by S Bowe to authorize the staff to sign the FOIA agreement with NRCS, carried. SWCD Supervisors also signed the FOIA agreement.
Program update- There is no EQIP information out yet.

DISTRICT MANAGER REPORT

CLWP- DNR grant for Aquatic Invasive Species was updated. Signs are available to any interested lake Associations.
Minnesota Water conference- This will be held in Rochester May 5th & 6th and Dann will be presenting on Invasibility.
JPB- Brad Kennedy has been offered the engineering technician position. If he accepts the offer he will be starting June 1st.
WCA- Violations were discussed.

AQUATIC BIOLOGIST

Ob Wells- Monitoring will start this week.
Star Lake Board- Committee is meeting today to discuss the funding. SWCD will be invoicing for its technical hours assistance.
SWAG – This spring will be the wrap up of this grant. We will be covering lake by lake samples to complete the grant requirements by June 30th.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT REPORT

Busy with tree orders. Finished up with the Envirothon on Wednesday April 22nd.

TIME & DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Next meeting will be Thursday May 28th.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Motion by J Geerdes, second by S Bowe to adjourn at 12.37PM

Date

Secretary

BCLARA – Beltrami County Lakes & Rivers Association
BMP - Best Management Practice
CPA – Conservation Priority Area
CRP – Conservation Reserve Program
CSP – Conservation Security Program
CTAC – Conservation Technical Assistance Committee
EQIP – Environmental Quality Incentive Program
GIS - Geographical Information System
JPB - Joint Powers Board (North Central MN SWCDs)
LBWM - Lake Bemidji Watershed Management Project
LWM – Local Water Management
(formerly CLWP - Comprehensive Local Water Plan)
MASWCD - MN Assoc. of Soil & Water Districts

MDA – MN Department of Agriculture
NRBG – Natural Resources Block Grant
NRCS - Natural Resources Conservation Service (formerly SCS)
PFM - Private Forest Management
RC&D - Resource Conservation & Development
RIM - Reinvest in Minnesota
ROPE – Reservoir Operation Plan Evaluation
TAC - Technical Advisory Committee
TMDL – Total Maximum Daily Load
USF&W - U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
WCA - Wetland Conservation Act
WHIP - Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program
WQIP - Water Quality Incentive Project