

Minutes of the April BELTRAMI SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT Board of Supervisors.

Meeting held Thursday April 29th, 2010

Meeting called to order at 9:05AM by Chair Jay Backstrom

Members present: Chair, Jay Backstrom  
Secretary, Jay Frenzel  
Vice Chair, Jerome Geerdes  
Treasurer, Ruth Trask

Members Absent: PR & L, Shane Bowe

Other Present: District Forester, Jerry Stenseng  
Acting District Manager, Paula Lowe  
NRCD DC, Larry Voltz

Guests: Tony Murphy, Beltrami County Administrator  
Bill Patnaude, Beltrami County Environmental Services  
Chad Severts, BWSR BC  
Chris Parthun  
Wally Byklum, former SWCD Supervisor Mar-Bel District

#### Secretary Report

**Motion by** Geerdes, second by Trask to approve the minutes as mailed, carried

#### Treasurer Report

**Motion by** Trask, second by Bowe to accept the March Treasurer's Report as presented and file for audit, carried.  
Discussion followed on account receivables.

**Motion by** Bowe, second by Geerdes to charge off the 3 accounts totaling \$958.11, carried.

Moved ahead in the agenda to On-going Business

County Merger- Information was handed out covering the Cooperative agreement with the County showing the SWCD requested revisions.

Discussion followed.

10:00 AM - Tony Murphy and Bill Patnaude entered the meeting.

County Administrator Murphy shared with the Board that the Cooperative Agreement could bring increased and better resources to Beltrami County.

The next step would be to create a cooperative work plan. This would include operating policies, the hiring of new positions with SWCD input and the understanding that the County and the District have the same work expectations. Question and answer discussion followed.

10:50AM- Bill Patnaude left the meeting

11:10AM - Tony Murphy left the meeting

**Motion by** Trask, second by Frenzel to authorize the Board Chair and Board Secretary to sign the Cooperative Agreement with Beltrami County, carried.

#### New Co-operators

**Motion by** Bowe, second by Geerdes to accept Judy David as a Co-operator, carried.

#### On Going/Tabled Business

Discussion with Wally Byklum a former supervisor with the dissolved Mar-Bel SWCD. Severts, BWSR, said the District could have an advisor from the part of Beltrami County that was covered by the Mar-Bel SWCD.

**Motion by** Trask, second by Bowe to appoint Wally Byklum as a representative from the 12 township in Beltrami County that were once covered by the Mar-Bel SWCD, carried.

A PSA will be put in the Grygla paper stating that the Beltrami appointed an advisor from Beltrami area of the Mar-Bel SWCD.

Information was handed out on the consolidation /dissolution of the Mar-Bel SWCD.

**Motion by** Trask, second by Frenzel to table paying the MASWCD dues until the next meeting, carried.

**Motion by** Trask, second by Frenzel to send the \$60.00 for the Forestry Association dues, carried.

11:50 AM Wally Byklum left the meeting.

#### Water Permits

Information on permit #2010-0323 was handed out.

Noon- Shane Bowe left the meeting.

#### Stewardship Forester Report

Tree Program – Tree distribution will be this Friday afternoon and Saturday morning. As of 4/29/10 there are 316 orders.

Turn-key – 15 projects covering 71 acres.

Light on the land equipment. The Board decided it would keep the equipment.

12:30 PM- Bill Patnaude reentered the meeting.

MN Biomes- JW Smith. Next week we will be accepting bids for the construction of the Bioretention ponds.

#### Giziibii RC&D

Trask went over the activity and project report.

The Biomass Gasification project has not developed as well as planned. It was a test project therefore has met the grant specifications.

2010 Grazing tour will be an evening meeting and will be held in LOW.

#### New Business

Inventory dispersal- Boat, motor and trailer was sold for \$600.00. The next two months the District will have to get rid of inventory that is no longer needed and can't be moved to the County.

**Motion by** Trask, second by Geerdes to authorize the Board chair to sign the Rabideau Conservation Academy and Learning Center's request to ask the Giziibii RC&D for help in finding funding sources, carried.

#### DC Report

Program update- CSP applications taken continuously: New scoring/ranking period in May. Monies still competitive 2012 ranking will take place this fall

Staffing update. No changes.

**Motion by** Geerdes, second by Frenzel to leave the SWCD ground water and watershed models with the NRCS office to use as educational tools, carried

District Operations

WCA- Patnaude stated that the wetland banking payment issue has been resolved.

JPB- Monthly report

Annual Plan- Has been posted on the website.

Acting Dist Manager Report

Envirothon-Beltrami had a team from Bemidji that placed for the State Competition.

Next meeting date is May 27, 2010 at 9:00 AM

**Motion by** Geerdes, second by Trask to adjourn at 1:30PM, carried

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Secretary

ACOE- Army Corp of Engineers  
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  
TEP-Technical Evaluation Panel

