

Minutes of the November BELTRAMI SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT Board of Supervisors Meeting held Monday December 21 2009.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER at 9:15 AM by Chairman Jay Backstrom

Those present were:

Jay Frenzel, Secretary
Jay Backstrom, Chairman
Chris Parthun, District Manager
~~Larry Voltz, Dist. Cons. (NRCS)~~
Paula L Lowe, Administrative Assistant
Guest: Chad Severts BC BWSR

Shane Bowe, Legislative & Public Relations
Ruth Trask, Treasurer
Jerry Stensing, Stewardship Forester
Jerome Geerdes, Vice Chair

SECRETARY REPORT

Motion by J Frenzel, second by J Geerdes to approve the November minutes as mailed, carried.

TREASURER REPORT

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

2010 Proposed Budget was discussed. The list of Accounts Receivable was discussed. Past due accounts are being pursued. The recently adopted policy is providing positive results.

NEW COOPERATORS- None

MN COST-SHARE CONTRACTS - None

STEWARDSHIP FORESTER REPORT

The Minnesota Biomes project will be highlighted in a publication known as "Clippings" which is published by the Minnesota Turf and Grounds Foundation (MTGF) and an article on behalf of the Minnesota Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects (MASLA).

Tree Program- 25% of the stock has been sold as of Dec 15th.

Reviewed two timber sales on private land where the landowner is requesting SWCD assistance.

Motion by R Trask, second by S Bowe to put the bids for Josephine Johnson timber sale in the paper, carried.

Motion by J Geerdes, second by S Bowe to put the timber bids in the paper for the Menards timber sale specifying the desired conditions and use of the required machinery needed, carried.

An amendment to the timber harvest policy regarding the bidding process will be prepared and presented to the Board at the next meeting for potential action.

RC&D

Ruth covered the minutes of last meeting. There was a training session held for Board members. A letter was written to the SWCD to appoint a member to the Giziibii RC&D Board for the coming year and nominate someone from the County.

Motion by S Bowe, second by J Frenzel to appoint R Trask to represent the SWCD on the Giziibii RC&D Board, carried

Motion by J Geerdes, second by J Frenzel to nominate Mel Milender as representative from the county, carried.

Private Forest Management Project- The final report is due the first part of 2010.

WATER PERMIT- None

ONGOING/TABLED BUSINESS

The Board received a report from the SWCD County/SWCD Committee members, who discussed recent meetings about a possible collaborative partnership effort. It was noted that the Bemidji Pioneer front page headline referred to it as the possible absorption of the SWCD with the County.

After much discussion, **Motion by J Frenzel**, second by S Bowe to consent to the concept of the partnership with the County, carried.

R Trask and J Backstrom will be attending the meeting in Grygla on Dec 30th to discuss the potential consolidation of the Marshall-Beltrami SWCD with the Marshall and Beltrami SWCD's.

Chad Severts, BC BWSR was in attendance and discussed the desired outcomes of the meeting.

12:10 PM Adjourned for potluck.

12:40 PM Reconvened the meeting.

There was continued discussion on the discontinuance of the Mar-Bel SWCD.

1:00 PM C Severts left the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Area VIII meeting on Jan 6, 2010 is the annual planning meeting for SWCD Board Chairs and Managers. Motion by J Frenzel, second by R Trask to renew the Nursery Stock Dealer Certificate at a cost of \$425.00, carried.

The Star Lakes Board contract was reviewed.

SWCD Personnel Policy does not follow the Federal Holiday schedule and the building is often closed early on some days.

Motion by R Trask, second by S Bowe to amend the Personnel Policy to include December 24th as a SWCD paid holiday, carried

D.C. REPORT

None

DISTRICT MANAGER REPORT

CLWP- Information was presented on the recently submitted Clean Water Fund grant applications.

JPB- A regular meeting will be set up for February 8, 2010.

WCA- BREC- Based on discussions between ACOE and WSN Engineering, locations for two of the wetland basins has been changed. It has not affected the amount of square footage of the Wetland Replacement Plan approved by the SWCD Board. The Board requested that the District Manager remind ACOE and WSN to communicate with the LGU (SWCD) when this occurs.

Violations are still being worked on by the TEP and the number has been greatly reduced.

OB Wells- Will begin monitoring again in March

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT REPORT

Direction was received from the Fed that stated the mileage rate will change to .50 a mile as of Jan 1.

TIME & DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Next meeting date is Thursday January 28th, 2010

Motion by S Bowe, second by J Frenzel to adjourn the meeting at 1:50 pm, carried

Date

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