

**Beltrami Soil & Water Conservation District
Board of Supervisors Meeting
Friday, January 7, 2011 9:00 a.m.
(Postponed December 30, 2010 Meeting)
County Board Conference Room
701 Minnesota Ave. NW, Bemidji, MN 56601**

Members Present: Jay Backstrom
Ruth Trask
Jay Frenzel
Shane Bowe

Members Absent: None

Others Present: William Patnaude, ESD Director/SWCD District Manager
Chad Severts, BWSR
Ray Hendrickson, Representative from Marshall/Beltrami Area
Jerry Stensing, SWCD Stewardship Forester
Larry Voltz, NRCS
Kathy Ruzicka, ESD/SWCD

Jay Backstrom called the Beltrami Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors Meeting for December 30, 2010 officially to order at 9:00 AM on January 7, 2011.

Secretary's Report:

Jay Frenzel made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2010 regular meeting. Shane Bowe seconded the motion. Voting on the motion:

Ruth Trask	Yes
Shane Bowe	Yes
Jay Frenzel	Yes

Motion approved and carried 3 to 0.

Treasurer's Report:

Reviewed monthly IFS Report. **Ruth Trask made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as read. Jay Frenzel seconded the motion. Voting on the motion:**

Shane Bowe	Yes
Jay Frenzel	Yes
Ruth Trask	Yes

Motion approved and carried 3 to 0.

Old Business:

DNR Fisheries:

At the November Meeting Staff had been requested to contact Gary Barnard about the Board's concerns in regard to application of calcium chloride on the roadways. Discussion if there other substitutes that are healthier for the environment. **Ruth Trask made a motion that we continue dialogue with Gary Barnard, DNR Fisheries, on concerns and work toward getting a guest speaker who would be willing to attend a SWCD Meeting and discuss this issue. Jay Frenzel seconded the motion. Voting on the motion:**

Shane Bowe	Yes
Jay Frenzel	Yes
Ruth Trask	Yes

Motion approved and carried 3 to 0.

MASWCD Convention:

Ruth Trask, Jay Backstrom and Bill Patnaude attended. Ruth Trask reported on convention. Convention was well received and came in under the \$3,000.00 budgeted. Ruth Trask reported on the Resolutions which are posted on the website. **Ruth Trask made a motion to send thoughts/ideas to the Association on next MASWCD Convention. Motion was not seconded. Shane Bowe made motion for Ruth Trask and Bill Patnaude to meet and discuss suggestions for changes to the 2011 Convention. Jay Frenzel seconded the motion. Voting on the motion:**

Ruth Trask	Yes
Jay Frenzel	Yes
Shane Bowe	Yes

Motion approved and carried 3 to 0.

State Cost Share:

Larry Voltz and Bill Patnaude are going to work on getting an ad out on Cost Share Dollars. Ron Heim is interested in a shore land erosion project on Red Lake.

New Service Agreements:

1. Eagle Forest Timber Management: 35 acres of conifer plantations. Jerry Stensing proposed how to manage plantations. He met with Frank Mistic and Karl Vorderbruggen. \$180.00 project – 3 hours at \$60.00 per hour.
2. Anthony Winkle: 80 acres in Northern Township for timber sale. \$480.00 project.

3. Bob Naylor: Reforestation and forest development project. \$240.00 project – 4 hours at \$60.00 per hour.

Stewardship Forester Report:

1. Bemidji Joint Planning Board working on the tree ordinance. First reading next meeting and hope to finalize in February. Jerry Stensing at District Manager’s request, sent letter to Bemidji Joint Planning Board stating SWCD’s backing of this new ordinance.
2. Enbridge: SWCD put in bid as subcontractor for Turn Key Project. Jerry Stensing has not heard any response yet.
3. Tree Program Update: Jerry will be on Chat About Monday, January 10 to discuss Tree Program. In the process of working on other promotional projects. Shane Bowe stated he will put a link on his website for tree sales.
4. Roessler Update: Hydrological monitoring amended from original \$5,000 to increase it by \$1,800.
5. Vegetative Management amended from original \$5,000.00 to increase it by \$17,000.00. Revised Agreement total \$22,000 to include 5 year agreement for management of weed control and native vegetation establishment. **Jay Frenzel made a motion to approve Agreement Amendment. Shane Bowe seconded the motion. Voting on the motion:**

Ruth Trask	Yes
Shane Bowe	Yes
Jay Frenzel	Yes

Motion approved and carried 3 to 0.

6. **Minnesota Northwest Foundation – Biomes Account:**
Balance of \$3,329.19

7. **Forestry Association Dues:**

\$15.00 – Association Membership Dues
\$60.00 – District Dues

Jay Frenzel mad a motion for approval to pay dues for Forestry Association. Ruth Trask seconded. Voting on the motion:

Shane Bowe	Yes
Ruth Trask	Yes
Jay Frenzel	Yes

Motion approved and carried 3 to 0.

8. **Continuing Ed for Stewardship Forester:**

Ruth Trask made a motion to approve Jerry Stensing to attend training on March 15 at Bemidji State University which will contribute toward his Continuing Ed credits. Jay Frenzel seconded the motion. Voting on the motion:

Shane Bowe	Yes
Jay Frenzel	Yes
Ruth Trask	Yes

Motion approved and carried 3 to 0.

R C & D Report:

Ruth Trask presented report. Darwin Sumner, Giziibii to be a pass through part of Red Lake Boys and Girls Club. Balance of \$182,647.18 in Giziibii fund.

NCJPB Report:

December 16, 2010 Meeting. They are going forward with hiring of a new engineer. Would like someone on board by March. Brad's report: Wadena project postponed. Quite a large project.

New Business:

Process for filling District II Supervisor; requirement is the position would be an appointed position for two years until the next general election.

DC Report: Larry Voltz:

Beginning payment to landowners on conservation contracts. Currently in a sign-up for CRP. Working on an EQUIP Cost Share Project. Possibility of maybe partnering in some projects. CSP 5 Year Program would fit with Jerry Stensing's project. February meeting NRCS will be coming to board and review memorandum, civil rights, equal opportunity, etc.

District Manager Report:

1. MCIT Insurance
2. Natural Resource Management moving into County Administrative Building probably around June. Jerry will be moving into Environmental Services Department office in February.
MASWCD: Dues are \$2,795.00. Discussion on putting in for a hardship. Ruth Trask submitted bill of \$300.00 for time and expenses spent on planning the MASWCD Convention. **Shane Bowe made a motion to pay Ruth Trask \$300.00 for time and expensed for Convention. Jay Frenzel seconded the motion. Voting on the motion:**

Jay Frenzel	Yes
Shane Bowe	Yes

Motion approved and carried 2 to 0.

3. SWCD Board requested a month to month projection on cash flow for new service collaboration comparable to last year.
4. Work Plan: Steering Committee to meet before January SWCD Meeting with Shane Bowe, Jay Backstrom, Chad Severts, Bill Patnaude and Tony Murphy.

5. Discussed on priority of finding projects under the Red Lake Watershed District. They have monies available for projects.
6. EnviroThon: Discussion tabled until January Meeting to give staff time to discuss this issue and see if they have the time for EnviroThon for 2011 which is held in April.

MARSHALL – BELTRAMI SWCD:

Chad Severts gave report on Resolution for the Consolidation and Dissolution of the MARBEL SWCD. Two considerations:

1. Another supervisor on board
2. Once census data is in might realign some County Commissioner’s Districts as far as SWCD.

BWSR requested to be entered into the SWCD Board Minutes that re-examination process is beginning today. Jay Backstrom requested this issue be tabled until the March Meeting. We need representation from Ray’s area.

This concluded the SWCD Meeting for the December 30, 2010 that was held on January 7, 2011. **Ruth Trask made a motion to officially adjourn. Jay Frenzel seconded the motion. Voting on the motion:**

Shane Bowe	Yes
Jay Frenzel	Yes
Ruth Trask	Yes

Motion approved and carried 3 to 0.

Next meeting scheduled for January 27, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Board of Commissioners Conference Meeting Room.

Recording Secretary

Date