

Minutes of the May BELTRAMI SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT Board of Supervisors Meeting held July 2<sup>nd</sup> 2009.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER at 9:15 AM by Secretary, Backstrom

Those present were:

Jay Backstrom, Secretary  
~~Jerome Geordes, Vice Chair~~  
Larry Voltz, Dist. Cons. (NRCS)  
Paula L Lowe, Administrative Assistant

Ruth Trask, Treasurer  
Shane Bowe, Legislative & Public Relations  
Chris Parthun, District Manager  
Jerry Stensing, Stewardship Forester  
Jim Lucachek, County Commissioner  
Chad Severts- BWSR BC

SECRETARY REPORT

**Motion** by R Trask, second by S Bowe to approve May minutes as mailed, carried.

TREASURER REPORT

**Motion** by R Trask, second by S Bowe to accept May's Treasurer's Report as submitted for audit, carried. Discussion followed on the fund accounts. The end of June marks a half year of income and expense and will give a more accurate accounting of available funds and projected expenses.

NEW COOPERATORS- None

MN COST-SHARE CONTRACTS - None

STEWARDSHIP FORESTER REPORT

**Motion** by R Trask, second by S Bowe to adopt the 2009 Fall tree order form, carried.

**Motion by** R Trask, second by S Bowe to increase the planting rate from .30 to .40 a tree and the minimum fee of \$150.00 to \$200.00, carried.

Minnesota Biomes Project- The sign has been erected to identify the project. Approximately \$47,000 has been spent to get this project in the ground. More funding has been encumbered to put in Bioretention Basins. The Snowmobile club has donated \$1,000 for the engineering fees and more money is being sought to pay for the balance of finishing this project.

Fair Booth- We have secured two displays for the fair and will be sharing the shipping and handling costs with Clearwater SWCD.

Better Forest Magazine. An article written by Stensing is published in the Summer 2009 issue.

Attended the Red Lake Game Fund meeting on June 29<sup>th</sup>. Discussion followed on the dispersal history of the funding.

Met with the Tribal Chairman for an Environmental discussion.

There have been a lot of Tree Doctor calls. A lot of the trees seem to be stressed, probably from the recent number of dry years, creating opportunities for insects and disease.

D.C. REPORT

EQIP – The new sign up has 6 contracts being funded with 3 waiting.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> qtr Audit just finished and will be ongoing qtrly.

WHIP- 3 contracts funded.

CSP- Audit has to be done on these files. CSP now stands for Conservation Stewardship program.

Plant materials planting. In the Oak Savannah on the Reservation planted sweetgrass, white sage.

Will partner a WHIP planting next year.

RC&D - None

WATER PERMIT- NONE

ONGOING/TABLED BUSINESS

2010 Budget updated- Discussion followed concerning the proposed loss of funding support from Beltrami County. It was suggested that the County could support the SWCD in non-monetary ways.  
Board vacancy- We will advertise again for the position.

NEW BUSINESS

Area VIII meeting. Regional Supervisor, Ron Shelito, said that Districts all over the State are going to have to tighten up their spending .

DISTRICT MANAGER REPORT

CLWP- Projects will have to be finished up with Dann.

Educational signage on the 197 corridor is being worked on.

WCA- Monitoring of banking projects was done by the Technical Evaluation Panel on Friday the 26<sup>th</sup> of June

JPB- Meeting on June 12<sup>th</sup>. Adopted the FY 2010 budget.

AQUATIC BIOLOGIST

SWAG- Report will be finished and will be sent to the MPCA for the closing of the Grant.

Star Lakes- The program was unallotted by the Governor. There are 3 pilot lakes and Grace may be one of them.

Website activity – Report on website activity shows that 43% are new. With Dann being done at the SWCD a new way of handling the maintenance will have to be decided on.

Ob wells- Wells came up a little over the winter. Spring readings have not indicated much increase in the wells.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT REPORT

Fair booth sign up.

TIME & DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Next meeting will be Thursday 30<sup>th</sup>.

MEETING ADJOURNED

**Motion** by S Bove, second by R Trask to adjourn at 1:20 pm, carried

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