

**Beltrami Soil & Water Conservation District  
Board of Supervisors Meeting  
Thursday, June 23, 2011 9:00 a.m.  
County Commissioners Conference Room  
701 Minnesota Ave. NW, Bemidji, MN 56601**

**Members Present:** Ruth Trask  
Jay Frenzel  
Jay Backstrom  
Rob Knudson  
Ray Hendrickson  
Shane Bowe

**Members Absent:** None

**Others Present:** William Patnaude, ESD Director/SWCD District Manager  
Larry Voltz, NRCS  
Kathy Ruzicka, ESD/SWCD

Jay Backstrom called the Beltrami Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors Meeting for June 23, 2011 officially to order at 9:00 AM.

**There were two additions to the agenda:**

- 1) State Cost Share: Board Resolution for Goldberg Well Sealing Project
- 2) RC&D Report: Letter to George Swentik

**Secretary's Report:**

**Shane Bowe made a motion to approve the May 26, 2011 minutes as read. Jay Frenzel seconded the motion. Voting on the motion:**

<b>Rob Knudson</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Ruth Trask</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Jay Frenzel</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Shane Bowe</b>	<b>Yes</b>

**Motion approved and carried 4 to 0.**

**Treasurer's Report:**

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

<b>Rob Knudson</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Shane Bowe</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Jay Frenzel</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Ruth Trask</b>	<b>Yes</b>

**Motion approved and carried 4 to 0.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**New Cooperators - Cost Share Contracts:**

- William Wood, Shoreline preservation on Lake Bemidji, Northern Township.

**State Cost Share:**

Goldberg well sealing project. **Shane Bowe made a motion to approve cost share for Goldberg well sealing for \$75.00. Ruth Trask seconded the motion. Voting on the motion:**

<b>Jay Frenzel</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Rob Knudson</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Ruth Trask</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Shane Bowe</b>	<b>Yes</b>

**Motion approved and carried 4 to 0.**

Discussion of Board Resolution encumbering cost share dollars. **Ruth Trask made a motion to encumber cost share dollars in the amount of \$10,975.00 for the Ron Heim project; \$2,195.00 is the 20% the Soil & Water Conservation District would be allocated for administration costs; with one of the following options: Option 1: \$8,780.00 for a 63% cost share toward Ron Heim’s project providing he agrees to maintain a 20 foot buffer from the lake shore. Option 2: \$7,000.00 for a 50% cost share for the project if he agrees to maintain a 10 foot buffer from the lake shore. Shane Bowe seconded the motion. Voting on the motion:**

<b>Jay Frenzel</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Rob Knudson</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Shane Bowe</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Ruth Trask</b>	<b>Yes</b>

**Motion approved and carried 4 to 0.**

**Stewardship Forester Report:**

Jerry Stensing was not in attendance but had sent in two requests for Board action.

- 1) Remaining trees and shrubs: Stewardship Forester recommendation is to sell hardwoods/shrubs at cost plus 10% and to consider conifers as spoiled and dispose of stock.

**Jay Frenzel made a motion to approve the Stewardship Forester recommendations on remaining trees. Rob Knudson seconded the motion. Voting on the motion:**

<b>Ruth Trask</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Shane Bowe</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Rob Knudson</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Jay Frenzel</b>	<b>Yes</b>

**Motion approved and carried 4 to 0.**

- 2) Stewardship Forester Comp Time: Stewardship Forester worked 60 plus days straight without time off resulting in 200 plus hours comp time. Forester suggested 3 options:
  1. Cash payout
  2. Use during July
  3. Use 3 days per week until gone.

**Shane Bowe made a motion to approved Stewardship Forester Option 2 or 3 at the discretion of the District Manager. It was suggested that Option 3 might be the best option for continuity in maintaining the stewardship forestry operation. Jay Frenzel seconded the motion. Voting on the motion:**

<b>Ruth Trask</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Rob Knudson</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Jay Frenzel</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Shane Bowe</b>	<b>Yes</b>

**Motion approved and carried 4 to 0.**

### **R C & D Report:**

Ruth Trask reported on the June RC&D Meeting with George Swentik. Suggestion was made as to the possibility of hiring one State Coordinator to represent all Councils. Each RC&D would be responsible for payment of the Coordinator's salary. There is still talk about funding from the Federal Government. Next meeting will be in August.

**Ruth Trask made motion to send revised letter to George Swentik stating the Beltrami Soil & Water Conservation District's position. Jay Frenzel seconded the motion. Voting on the motion:**

<b>Rob Knudson</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Shane Bowe</b>	<b>Yes</b>

**Jay Frenzel**            **Yes**  
**Ruth Trask**            **Yes**

**Motion approved and carried 4 to 0.**

**NCJPB Report:**

New Conservation Engineer, Terrance Vander Eyk, has resigned his position with the North Central Joint Powers Board. He will be here until the end of June. There will be an NCJPB Executive Meeting at 1:30 p.m. on June 23, 2011.

**DC Report: Larry Voltz:**

- RC&D have had many staff changes: Buy out and early out being offered. USDA preparing for budget crunch next year.
- Received additional program funding.
- Larry distributed bulletin on claims of discrimination against the USDA. There are four individuals claiming discrimination against the USDA for farm loans.
- Larry stated there are changes in wetland policies. There have been mistakes made in wetland determinations. USDA will be conducting wetland determinations.
- Several Turn Key Cost Share Projects have been completed.
- Reported on Kinney Lake Project up in Red Lake for erosion control and stabilization
- Reported on a Wood Cock habitat Cost Share Project up in Blackduck area

**District Manager Report:**

- There was no District Manager's Report

**Jay Frenzel made motion to adjourn the Soil & Water Conservation District Board Meeting for June 23, 2011. Shane Bowe seconded the motion. Voting on the motion:**

**Rob Knudson**            **Yes**  
**Ruth Trask**            **Yes**  
**Shane Bowe**            **Yes**  
**Jay Frenzel**            **Yes**

**Motion approved and carried 4 to 0.**

**Next meeting scheduled for July 28, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Board Conference Room.**

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**Rob Knudson**  
**Recording Secretary**

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**Date**