

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

Meeting held Thursday March 25th, 2010

Meeting called to order at 9:10 AM 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

Guests: Bill Patnaude, Beltrami County Environmental Services
Chad Severt, BWSR BC
Chris Parthun

Secretary Report

Motion by Trask, second by Geerdes to approve the minutes with changes, carried

Treasurer Report

Motion by Trask second by Geerdes to accept the February Treasurer's Report as presented and file for audit, carried.

Stewardship Forester Report

Updated turn-key schedule handed out. There are 14 conservation projects scheduled to be installed on 67 acres.

Motion by Geerdes, second by Frenzel, to authorize the hiring of intermittent hourly labor for tree/turn-key projects and the Menard site clean-up, carried

Tree Program: \$ 61,809.00 in sales to date with approximately 34,559 trees sold.

Motion by Geerdes, second by Frenzel, to authorize Forester Stenseng to attend the Natural Resource Workshop April 7th held at Itasca State Park, carried.

Forest Property Tax and Incentive program information was discussed.

Work plan directive. Forester requested a time use directive from the Board to aid in identifying SWCD priorities now that there are added duties due to the cutting of one staff position.

Motion by Frenzel, second by Geerdes, to authorize Trask and Stenseng to sign the request for funds from the MN Biomes grant held at the Northwest Minnesota Foundation in the amount of \$3,500.00, carried.

Motion by Geerdes, second by Trask, to discontinue the service agreement with the cities of Bemidji, Blackduck and Wilton as of April 30, 2010, stating the SWCD as LGU (Local Government Unit for WCA) for the afore mentioned cities, due to lack of diminished SWCD capacity, carried.

9:45 AM Bill Patnaude entered the meeting.

RC& D Report

Giziibii RC& D will act as fiscal agent (pass through) for the Area VIII Envirothon donation from the North Country Snowmobile Club as Giziibii has a 501 3C designation.

There may not be funding from the Federal legislature for the RC&D employees in the future.

Water Permits

Water permit information was looked over and discussed. Patnaude answered questions about the platting permit application for the Playa Del Norte Addition on Gull Lake. The County has given the applicant certain conditions that have to be met before it can be completed.

On Going/Tabled Business

MASWCD dues. Still waiting to hear back from the State office on the amount the SWCD offered to pay.

Account Receivable Delinquency & Collection Policy. Changes will be made and brought to the next meeting. SWCD laptop computers. It was decided to not sell the computers at this time.

Motion by Trask, second by Frenzel, to sell the boat, motor and trailer using the silent auction venue, carried. The notice of sale will be posted on the building bulletin board, stating a minimum bid of \$400.00, and will be posted until 8:45am April 21, 2010 the day of the next Board meeting.

Motion by Trask, second by Geerdes, to have Trask discuss with the Giziibii RC&D Board the sale of the light on the land equipment, carried

11:30 AM Chad Severts entered the meeting

County Merger. A draft copy issued by the County was handed out. Discussion followed.

New Business

Motion by Trask, second by Frenzel to table the membership to the District Area Forestry organization , with dues of \$60.00, until the next meeting, carried. More information will be requested from the organization officers.

DC Report

Staffing update. Travis Doeden will be working out of this NRCS office but covering nine counties starting on June 1, 2010. This position will be dealing with the CSP program.

EQIP Update. To date there are 4 forestry approved, 2 grazing approved and 3 high tunnel applications not yet approved. The High Tunnels are a new initiative.

There may be new a CSP sign up available in April or May.

Rental Space update. NRCS will take over the office vacated by the SWCD as of March 1st..

District Operations

WCA- Discussion on WCA issues was covered during Stewardship Forester segment.

JPB- Execute meeting held during Area VIII meeting to discuss AgBMP needs.

Annual Plan- Needs to be posted on the Web site immediately. A tentative plan will be written and then revisited after June 30th

BWSR update by BC Severts

BWSR State Board agreed to the consolidation/dissolution of the Marshall/Beltrami SWCD with the Marshall and Beltrami SWCD offices. It was suggested that one of the Mar/Bel SWCD supervisors be asked to be a liaison between the Beltrami SWCD and the area of Beltrami county covered by the Mar/Bel SWCD.

Motion by Geerdes, second by Trask, to extend an invitation to the April Beltrami SWCD Board meeting to the board members from the Beltrami portion of the Mar/Bel SWCD, carried.

MASWCDE will be working with BWSR to set up training sessions at the BWSR Academy this fall.

Area VIII meeting held on March 19th was attended by Ruth, Jay and Paula. A representative from MCIT insurance gave a very informational talk on SWCD personal policies and how they should be written.

Next meeting will be Thursday April 22nd.

Motion by Frenzel, second by Geerdes, to adjourn at 2:05 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

