

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

Meeting held Thursday May 27th, 2010

Meeting called to order at 9:08 AM by Chair Jay Backstrom

Members present:

Chair, Jay Backstrom
Secretary, Jay Frenzel
PR & L, Shane Bowe
Treasurer, Ruth Trask

Members Absent:

Vice Chair, Jerome Geerdes

Other Present:

District Forester, Jerry Stenseng
Acting District Manager, Paula
NRCD DC, Larry Voltz

Guests:

Bill Patnaude, Beltrami County Environmental Services
Ray Hendrickson, former SWCD Supervisor Mar-Bel District
Chris Parthun
Michael Veinen –Ten Lake Township
Diane Bohn
Jim Baruth
Barb D'Orazio
Gail Rixen, Representative of the Bemidji Natural Choice Famer's Market
Glen Kajewski, NRCS Assistant State Conservationist

Secretary Report

Motion by Frenzel, second by Bowe to approve the minutes as mailed, carried

Treasurer Report

Motion by Trask, second by Bowe to accept the April Treasurer's Report as presented and file for audit, carried.
Discussion followed on account receivables.

NWMnF Minnesota Biomes Project Fund as of 3/31/2010 \$7,221.42

New Co-operators

Motion by Trask, second by Bowe to accept Ron and Rose Heim as District cooperators, Shotley Twp, Sect 10, carried.

Motion by Frenzel, second by Trask to accept Paul Glass as a District cooperator, South Waskish Twp, Sect 16, carried.

Water Permits

Information on three different water permits was handed out and discussion followed.

Giziibii RC&D

Trask reviewed the most recent meeting minutes

Stewardship Forester Report

Tree program- There is some planting left to get done. There are approximately 2000 trees left at this time.

9:55 am- Michael Veinen entered the meeting. Representative from Ten Lake Township

- Bids for the Bioretention ponds were opened.
Three bids were received.

Motion by Bowe, second by Frenzel to accept the bid from Devin Bunker Exc. Inc, carried.

Stensing, Backstrom, Bowe and Patnaude will be attending the Redlake Watershed District meeting in Thief River Falls on June 21st.

10:10 am- Diane Bohn, Jim Baruth and Barb D'Orzio entered the meeting. Ten Lake Township

Discussion followed which included the SWCD involvement in the permitting process and the water quality lake monitoring in Ten Lake Township. Grants will be pursued to help with some of the projects.

11:05 am- Gail Rixen entered the meeting.

Motion by Bowe, second by Frenzel to authorize the chair to sign a letter of support for Bemidji Natural Choice Farmer's Market to work with the Giziibii RC&D, carried.

11:30 am-Veinen, Bohn, Baruth, D'Orzio and Rixen left the meeting.

On Going/Tabled Business

SWCD/County Partnership-

The move to the ENS office is to be complete by June 30th. SWCD Board meetings will be held in the County Board room.

Ray Hendrickson had questions about the coverage of the Northern Beltrami townships.

Patnaude gave an update on the North Beltrami issues including the Moose River Rd.

Motion by Bowe, second by Frenzel to appoint Ray Hendrickson as a representative from the North Beltrami townships, covered by the Mar-Bel SWCD, and to be paid per diem and mileage, carried.

Wally Bykum asked to be withdrawn after the last Board meeting.

Motion by Bowe, second by Frenzel to pay MASWCD dues of \$920.00, carried.

11:45am- Lowe left the meeting.

Motion by Frenzel, second by Trask to appoint Bowe to sell the SWCD water quality equipment, carried.

Moved to DC report

New CSP- sign up ends June 11, the program includes cropland, pastureland and forest land.

AWEP program – cost shares the Red River Basin sedimentation and water retention priorities.

Glen Kajewski, NRCS Assistant State Conservationist presented a plaque to the Beltrami SWCD board chair in recognition of 60 years of service.

Returned to On Going/Tabled Business

SWCD/County Partnership- the County maintenance department will do the moving of SWCD furniture, cabinets etc.

Lowe will be an employee of the Environmental services department during the two month transition period.

This will be clarified by Patnaude.

The SWCD monies will remain the same with the County doing the bookkeeping.

The Partnership is an endeavor to enhance the environmental protection of Beltrami County.

Dates for the Board meetings through the end of the year are: 7/29,8/26,9/23,10/28,11/18,12/30.

District Operations

WCA- Next TEP meeting is 6/7/10

JPB- Written report included in Board packet.

Discussion that JPB fees must be included in SWCD Technical Assistance Service Contracts.

SWCD Board consensus is that we continue to serve the JPB in the role and capacity we have been.

ObWells- All of the wells were up some at the last reading in late May.

New Business

Stensing was appointed to look into the RFP Invasive plant species control.

Hendrickson expressed concern on how to provide assurance to the people of NW Beltrami County that the Beltrami SWCD service are available to them.

A PSA will be sent to the Grygla Eagle paper notifying the area of the SWCD continuing to be of service to them.

Acting Dist Manager Report

Next meeting date is June24, 2010 at 9:00 AM

Motion by Bowe, second by Frenzel to adjourn at 1:20PM, 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

