

**Beltrami Soil & Water Conservation District
Board of Supervisors Meeting
Thursday, May 26, 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

Members Absent: Shane Bowe

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 March 24, 2011 officially to order at 9:00 AM.

There was one addition to the agenda: Envirothon Report by Ruth Trask

Secretary's Report:

Jay Frenzel made a motion to approve the April 28, 2011 minutes as read. Ruth Trask seconded the motion. Voting on the motion:

Rob Knudson	Yes
Ruth Trask	Yes
Jay Frenzel	Yes

Motion approved and carried 3 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:

Rob Knudson	Yes
Jay Frenzel	Yes
Ruth Trask	Yes

Motion approved and carried 3 to 0.

Old Business:

Envirothon:

Ruth Trask reported on Envirothon. St. John's Prep won the State Envirothon. There were 35 teams. Trek North, Bemidji took 7th place.

New Business:

MASWCD:

MASWCD Area VIII Meeting will be held Friday, June 3, 2011 at Beltrami Electric Meeting Room at 9:00 a.m. Jay Backstrom, Ruth Trask, Rob Knudson and Kathy Ruzicka will be attending. There will be resolution discussion at this meeting. Board members discussed putting together a draft resolution to leave amendment as it stands—to keep legacy dollars coming to the Soil & Water Conservation District, not to make changes or not to repeal to take to the MASWCD Area VIII Meeting on June 3, 2011.

Ruth Trask made a motion authorizing the Board Chair and SWCD District Manager to draft a letter to Minnesota Senators and Representatives stating Beltrami SWCD is in full support of keeping legacy dollars coming to the SWCD. Rob Knudson seconded the motion. Chairman called for roll call vote. Voting on the motion:

Rob Knudson	Yes
Ruth Trask	Yes
Jay Backstrom	Yes
Jay Frenzel	Abstained

Motion approved and carried 3 to 0 with one abstaining vote.

Donation Request:

Maura Johnson, Bemidji Middle school Special Education Dept. Chair, made a donation request for 100 trees for the EBD Program students to plant in the Bemidji Middle School forest. **Ruth Trask made a motion to approve this donation request. Jay Frenzel seconded the motion. Chairman called for roll call vote. Voting on the motion:**

Rob Knudson	Yes
Jay Frenzel	Yes
Ruth Trask	Yes

Motion approved and carried 3 to 0.

New Cooperators - Cost Share Contracts:

- Kelly Juelson, Shotley Township. Interested in Cost Share project but would like to get his neighbor included in this project. This item was tabled until the June Meeting.

State Cost Share:

There have been a lot of interest from land owners, have seven engineering projects in the making.

Water Permits:

Water appropriations – 1,040,000 gallons. Knife River Materials will be taking water out of Lake Bemidji in the southeast corner for dust control for construction on Highway 71.

New Service Agreements:

- Bob Johnson, Port Hope Township, Turn Key Tree Planting Services. Plant 975 spruce seedlings on 2 acres. Materials \$471.91, Labor not to exceed \$390.00.

Rob Knudson made a motion to approve and enter into the Service Agreements with Bob Johnson. Jay Frenzel seconded the motion. Voting on the motion:

Ruth Trask	Yes
Rob Knudson	Yes
Jay Frenzel	Yes

Motion approved and carried 3 to 0.

Stewardship Forester Report:

- Jerry Stensing was not in attendance. He is in the field with Turn Key Tree Planting Projects. Bill Patnaude reported on the following:
- Enbridge Project completed. Drug screening was also completed for all workers on the project. Requirements were: safety training each morning, steel toed boots, hard hats and safety glasses. Highway Department loaned hard hats and safety glasses. One of the workers filed a First Report of Injury for poison ivy.

R C & D Report:

- Ruth Trask reported she attended the State Meeting in St. Cloud on May 4, 2011. RC&D zeroed out by Federal Legislature. No NRCS employees can work on RC&D issues. There are no monies available in Giziibii.
- Area Council Meeting in April: All projects were put on hold. Booklets were completed by NRCS grant.
- Farmers Markets put on hold.
- Held the Red Lake Youth Camp this winter.

SWCD Board recommended part of the Giziibii money be put into long term trust and others to distribute to projects within the District. **Jay Frenzel made motion the SWCD recommend**

Northwest Initiative be the fiscal agent for the Giziibii monies. Ruth Trask seconded the motion. Chairman called for roll call vote. Voting on the motion:

Rob Knudson	Yes
Ruth Trask	Yes
Jay Frenzel	Yes

Motion approved and carried 3 to 0.

Discussion on approving SWCD Board Member to attend Giziibii meetings.

NCJPB Report:

Brad Kennedy sent his written project activities report. There are no projects located in Beltrami County

DC Report: Larry Voltz:

- Working on contract updating. Completed 9 contracts.
- EQIP: cleaning up projects. Are now processing payments for EQIP.
- Bemidji is helping the Bagley office.
- CSP: Less applications being funded. Projections for budget will be less.
- Larry reported on meeting at Grygla with the Red Lake Watershed Ditch Committee. On Moose River Project for a comprehensive plan for erosion protection. Partners in the project will be MN DNR, NRTCS, SWCD, County, U.S. Fish and Wildlife and a couple of private landowners.

District Manager Report:

- There was no District Manager's Report

Ruth Trask made motion to adjourn the Soil & Water Conservation District Board Meeting for May 26, 2011. Jay Frenzel seconded the motion. Voting on the motion:

Rob Knudson	Yes
Jay Frenzel	Yes
Ruth Trask	Yes

Motion approved and carried 3 to 0.

Next meeting scheduled for June 23, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Board Conference Room.

Rob Knudson
Recording Secretary

Date