

Minutes of the November BELTRAMI SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT Board of Supervisors Meeting held Monday November 23, 2009.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER at 9:03 AM by Chairman Jay Backstrom

Those present were:

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| Jay Frenzel, Secretary                            | Shane Bowe, Legislative & Public Relations |
| Jay Backstrom, Chairman                           | Ruth Trask, Treasurer                      |
| Chris Parthun, District Manager                   | Jerry Stensing, Stewardship Forester       |
| Larry Voltz, Dist. Cons. (NRCS)                   | Jerome Geerdes, Vice Chair                 |
| Paula L Lowe, Administrative Assistant            |  |
| Guests: Jim Ballentine and Dave Harder, Cass SWCD |  |

SECRETARY REPORT

**Motion** by J Geerdes, second by J Frenzel to approve the October minutes as mailed, carried.

TREASURER REPORT

**Motion** by J Geerdes, second by J Frenzel to close out the SWAG grant fund account and transfer remaining funds to the general fund, carried.

**Motion** by R Trask, second by S Bowe to accept the October Treasurer's Report as submitted for audit, carried.

NEW COOPERATORS- None

MN COST-SHARE CONTRACTS - None

STEWARDSHIP FORESTER REPORT

2010 Tree sales and 2010 Turn-key projects were discussed accompanied by hard copy reports.  
Minnesota Biomes- Projects engineering design is currently being worked on.  
City of Bemidji and Menards invited SWCD Forester to attend their meeting on Dec 10<sup>th</sup>.

9:25 AM – Jim Ballentine and Dave Harder from the Cass SWCD entered the meeting. Discussion followed about the merits of the service agreement between the Cass SWCD and Cass County.

12:15 PM – Left the meeting.

SWCD Manager, County Administrator and Cliff Tweedale, HRDC, will be meeting prior to the next County/SWCD meeting 12/4/09.

RC&D - None

WATER PERMIT- None

ONGOING/TABLED BUSINESS

Bowe and Backstrom reported on the 11/5 meeting of the County/SWCD Committee, where representatives of Cass County attended and discussed their County/SWCD collaboration.  
MASWCD Annual convention- A reminder to the Board about the convention and who is registered to go, Ruth, Jay B and Chris. Paula may attend one session.

NEW BUSINESS

MCIT Dividends- Beltrami SWCD and the JPB received dividend checks from MCIT.

D.C. REPORT

DC written report was handed out.  
 Conservation Security Program (CSP-08). Farm visits and /or field office appointments have been made to review contract completion on planned enhancements.  
 Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP-10). All 15 applications have had interviews completed and scored. We are waiting for notification of those contracts that need to have field review completed.  
 EQIP- Practice certification and payment processing continues on this program. There will very likely be another ranking period after the first of the year.  
 Kiwosay Project- The engineering staff from our Area and the State office discussed progress on the creation of a water conveyance system to bring water from the reservoir area of the Kiwosay to nearby rice paddies. A siphoning system is now being proposed.

DISTRICT MANAGER REPORT

CLWP- 2009 activities are being reviewed, and 2010 work plan is being developed.  
 JPB- A regular meeting will be set up for Jan 11, 2010.  
 WCA- Continued work on violations, with numerous TEP activities.  
 OB Wells- all of the well levels are up.  
 2010 SWAG grant- application has been submitted to MPCA.  
 2010- Clean Water Fund- application due early December.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT REPORT

Past due accounts delinquency letters were sent out on Nov 19<sup>th</sup>. We have received some payments already.

TIME & DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Next meeting date is Monday December 21st because of Christmas and New Years.

MEETING ADJOURNED

General consensus to close meeting at 2:00 PM

| Date  | Secretary  |
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| BCLARA – Beltrami County Lakes & Rivers Association | MDA – MN Department of Agriculture                           |
| BMP - Best Management Practice                      | NRBG – Natural Resources Block Grant                         |
| CPA – Conservation Priority Area                    | NRCS - Natural Resources Conservation Service (formerly SCS) |
| CRP – Conservation Reserve Program                  | PFM - Private Forest Management                              |
| CSP – Conservation Security Program                 | RC&D - Resource Conservation & Development                   |
| CTAC – Conservation Technical Assistance Committee  | RIM - Reinvest in Minnesota                                  |
| EQIP – Environmental Quality Incentive Program      | ROPE – Reservoir Operation Plan Evaluation                   |
| GIS - Geographical Information System               | TAC - Technical Advisory Committee                           |
| JPB - Joint Powers Board (North Central MN SWCDs)   | TMDL – Total Maximum Daily Load                              |
| LBWM - Lake Bemidji Watershed Management Project    | USF&W - U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service                         |
| LWM – Local Water Management                        | WCA - Wetland Conservation Act                               |
| (formerly CLWP - Comprehensive Local Water Plan)    | WHIP - Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program                    |
| MASWCD - MN Assoc. of Soil & Water Districts        | WQIP - Water Quality Incentive Project                       |