

Minutes of the October BELTRAMI SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT Board of Supervisors Meeting held Wednesday October 28, 2009.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER at 9:05 AM by Chairman Jay Backstrom

Those present were:

Jay Frenzel, Secretary
Jay Backstrom, Chairman
Chris Parthun, District Manager
~~Larry Voltz, Dist. Cons. (NRCS)~~
Paula L Lowe, Administrative Assistant
Guests: Senator Rod Skoe
Representative John Persell II

~~Shane Bowe, Legislative & Public Relations~~
Ruth Trask, Treasurer
Jerry Stensing, Stewardship Forester
~~Jerome Geordes, Vice Chair~~

Senator Skoe and Representative Persell attended the meeting to discuss issues concerning the Beltrami SWCD, Marshall-Beltrami SWCD, and Beltrami County.

9:45 AM Chad Severts, BWSR, joined the meeting.

SECRETARY REPORT

Motion by J Frenzel, second by R Trask to approve the September minutes as mailed, carried.

TREASURER REPORT

Motion by R Trask, second by J Frenzel to accept the September Treasurer's Report as submitted for audit, carried.

NEW COOPERATORS-

Motion by R Trask, second by J Frenzel to approve John and Sean Edman as cooperators, carried.

MN COST-SHARE CONTRACTS - None

STEWARDSHIP FORESTER REPORT

Motion by J Frenzel, second by R Trask to approve Forester Stensing to attend the Tree Inspector Training and the Stewardship plan writer workshop, carried.

Motion by R Trask, second by J Frenzel to authorize the District to enter into a Timber Harvest Administration agreement with Josephine Johnson, carried.

There was discussion about an article included in the board packet concerning the use of road deicing salt near lakes and rivers in Beltrami County, District Manager Parthun will call Dan Thul of DNR Waters with the Board's concerns.

RC&D

Ruth commented on the September Giziibii meeting held at the Northern Town Hall. She felt it was a very good meeting and very informational.

WATER PERMIT

Permit #2010-0239 was presented to the SWCD Board for review and comment. This is for the implementation of a concrete ramp at the boat landing on the Tamarack River in Waskish.

Permit #2010-1232 was presented to the SWCD Board for review and comment. This is a private landowner who wants to put in a culvert and fill to make a crossing. The SWCD Board directed the District Manager to relay their comments and recommendations for both proposed projects.

ONGOING/TABLED BUSINESS

Motion by R Trask, second by J Frenzel to adopt the SWCD Web Policy as written, to be kept in the District policy file, carried.

Motion by J Frenzel, second by R Trask to authorize Board and staff to attend the MASWCD Annual Convention in Duluth December 6th, 7th & 8th, carried.

Motion by J Frenzel, second by R Trask to adopt the SWCD Accounts Receivable Delinquency and Collection Procedures Policy with revision to eliminating the need for phone calls, to be kept in the District policy file, carried.

Motion by J Frenzel, second by R Trask to adopt the revised PFM (Private Forest Management) Harvest Assistance policy dated 10/28/09, carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by R Trask, second by J Frenzel to approve the Chair to sign the Contract for Services with Giziibii RC&D for providing bookkeeping services in 2010, carried.

County/SWCD committee- Notes from moderator Cliff Tweedale for meetings held on Oct 12th and 19th were included in the board packet. Discussion followed.

MHB (Mississippi Headwaters Board) Strategic Planning Session. Supervisor Backstrom attended on the invitation from the MHB. He informed the Board about the meeting and what was discussed. MHB received money from the State this year and wanted input from various agencies including the SWCD.

D.C. REPORT

DC written report was handed out.

Conservation Security Program (CSP-08) We have several landowner visits to complete this fall. We will review each contract folder to make sure documentation of enhancements is complete.

Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP-10) We have completed 14 of the 15 landowner interviews. So far, all of the applications (cropland and woodland) have met the initial resource threshold requirements. Once the interviews are completed, our office will be conducting field reviews to verify the information the landowner gave us.

EQIP- We continue to process payments and are making contacts with landowners regarding keeping up with practice installation to meet contract deadlines.

DISTRICT MANAGER REPORT

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT REPORT

TIME & DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Next meeting date is Monday November 23rd because of Thanksgiving that week it was felt that earlier in the week would be better.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Motion by J Frenzel, second by R Trask to adjourn the meeting at 1:25 pm, carried.

Date

Secretary

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