



Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting Wednesday, May 15 2019

Meeting Minutes

The regular meeting of the Becker Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors was held on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 in the Conference Room of the USDA Ag Center Building located at 809 8th Street SE, Detroit Lakes, MN.

Those present were Chairman Tony Beck, Jerome Flottesmesch, Kathleen Stenger, and Eugene Pavelko. Staff members include District Administrator Peter Mead, Office Manager Deana Westberg and NRCS District Conservationist Ed Musielewicz.

Call to Order

Chairman Beck called the meeting to order at 8:36 a.m.

Approval of Agenda and Consent Agenda Items

(April 17, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes; Employee Program Reports)

Motion Flottesmesch, Pavelko to approve the May Agenda, April Meeting Minutes and Employee Reports. Affirmative: Unanimous. Carried.

Financial Reports

Treasurers Report and Bills for Approval were reviewed by Mead.

Motion (Pavelko, Flottesmesch) to approve the April Treasurer's Report and list of bills to pay for May. Affirmative: Unanimous. Carried.

Reports

Administrators report given by Peter Mead. Tree pickups were Friday April 26th for potted and Friday May 3rd from 12- 7:00 pm for the rest of the trees. It was a cool damp day but majority of trees were picked up. Only a few trees remain left to sell. Friday May 17th will be the last day.

Buffers - Aaron Salo and Peter busy on staking & surveying buffers, calculating acres and verifying implementation.

New County Administrator Mike Brethorst stopped by the District office to introduce himself and inquire about SWCD Operations, Utilization of Riparian Aid funds received by the County Buffer Utilization, Cost-Share programs, zoning, legal funds, capital funds etc.

Ike Fischer farm 5th grade tour was yesterday May 14th and tomorrow May 16th. Mead discussed the great learning opportunities for the students and showed a few photos.

Mead discussed and showed the BSWCD Facebook site and the great photos that have recently been posted.

One Certificate of Deposit will be maturing this month and one early next month. Office Manager Deana Westberg called to local banks to get the special current CD rates. After reviewing options from 4 different local banks, the board decided to switch from Bremer Bank to Midwest Bank for the 17 month 2.5% APR.

Open Forum

Mead showed drone footage of the restoration of the drained basin on the Sletmoen property North of Audubon. Ed Musielewicz, NRCS District Conservationist provided details of this RIM-WRP effort and broader plans for Reep Lake in the future.

Jeff Norby, NRCS Engineer last day was May 16th and it will be a while before his replacement will be hired. Thankfully for the BSWCD staff like Engineer Technician Nicole Wallace helping out, we can continue on with the momentum of implementation that Jeff has done so much to keep up.

Alan Thomas was hired as a new Sinew management employee working here full-time as a field team representative, covering also in Perham, Fergus Falls, Breckenridge and Moorhead.

Upcoming meetings for the board: June 18th Area 1 meeting in Crookston and June 25th TSA meeting in Mahanomen.

Human Resources

Mead reviewed and discussed that the Personnel Policy Articles XIV-XVII did not need any revisions.

Motion Stenger, Pavelko to approve the Personnel Policy with no changes to Articles I-XVII as presented.

Clean Water Legacy Cost Share Amendments for Approval

Greg Price, #CWL-2-GWP, Increased Scope and Costs - Total Project Cost: 43,708.20 Cost Share: \$18,949

Motion Flottesch, Stenger to approve the Clean Water Legacy Cost Share Amendments as presented.
Affirmative: Unanimous. Carried.

State Cost Share Applications for Approval

#SCS-18-11, Gary Anderson, Critical Area Planting. Total Project Costs \$3,632 with 50% cost share payment of \$1,816

#SCS-18-12, Tim Lehrke, Full Season Cover Crop. 2.9 acres at \$112 per acre. Total project costs \$328 with 100% cost share payment of \$382.

#SCS-19-4, Tim Lehrke, Full Season Cover Crop. 28.5 acres at \$112 per acre. Total project costs \$3,172 with 100% cost share payment of \$3,172.

Motion Pavelko, Stenger to approve the State Cost Share Applications as presented. Affirmative: Unanimous.
Carried.

Clean Water Legacy Cost Share Applications for Approval

#CWL-6-TD, Todd Andresen, Access Control. Total project costs \$11,456 with 75% cost share payment of \$5,032.

#CWL-7-TD, Todd Andresen, Fence/Use Exclusion. Total project costs \$7,787 with 50% cost share payment of \$3,894.

#CWL-8-TD, Bill Steffl, Water and Sediment Control Basin. Total project costs \$184,000 with 90% cost share payment of \$57,360.

#CWL-9-TD, Dennis Schouviller, Fence/Use Exclusion. Total project costs \$14,553 with 75% cost share payment of \$10,915.

#CWL-8-UB, Bill Steffl, Water and Sediment Control Basin. Total project costs \$184,000 with 90% cost share payment of \$44,378.

#CWL-42-BR, RRR Mattson Partnership, Water and Sediment Control Basins. Total project costs \$71,116 with 75% cost share payment of \$32,002.

#CWL-48-LP, David Bowe, Critical Area Planting. Total project costs \$3,938 with 75% cost share payment of \$2,954.

#CWL-49-LP, Anthony Zurn, Rain Garden. Total project costs \$1,594 with 75% cost share payment of \$1,195.

#CWL-50-LP, Jason Bristlin, Rain Garden. Total project costs \$3,032 with 50% cost share payment of \$1,516.

#CWL-51-LP, Jennifer Williams, Critical Area Planting. Total project costs \$4,033 with 75% cost share payment of \$3,025.

#CWL-52-LP, Douglas Schmidt, Critical Area Planting. Total project costs \$3,938 with 75% cost share payment of \$2,954.

#CWL-53-LP, Greg Bentley, Critical Area Planting. Total project costs \$3,276 with 75% cost share payment of \$2,457.

#CWL-54-LP, Lynn Dorn, Critical Area Planting. Total project costs \$1939 with 75% cost share payment of \$1,454.

#CWL-55-LP, Marian Spanjers, Critical Area Planting. Total project costs \$3,309 with 75% cost share payment of \$2,482.

#CWL-56-LP, Scott McCaslin, Critical Area Planting. Total project costs \$5,242 with 75% cost share payment of \$3,931.

#CWL-57-LP, Adam Dunnigan, Critical Area Planting. Total project costs \$2,808 with 50% cost share payment of \$1,404.

#CWL-58-LP, Mary Kay Lilja, Critical Area Planting. Total project costs \$4,033 with 75% cost share payment of \$3,025.

Motion (Flottesmesch, Pavelko) to approve the Clean Water Legacy Cost Share signed Applications as presented, with a list of those who had not yet signed. Affirmative: Unanimous. Carried.

Clean Water Legacy Cost Share Vouchers for Payment

#CWL-2-GWP, Greg Price, Irrigation Water Management. Total project costs \$43,708.20, cost share payment of \$18,949.

Motion (Stenger,Pavelko) to approve the Clean Water Legacy Cost Share Voucher as presented. Affirmative: Unanimous. Carried.

Seeing no further business, Chairman Beck adjourned the meeting at 9:48 am.

Approved: Eugene Pavelko, Becker SWCD Secretary

Date: June 19, 2019