

Becker Soil and Water Conservation District
Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting
Wednesday, May 19, 2010

The regular meeting of the Becker Soil and Water Conservation Board of Supervisors was held on Wednesday May 19, 2010, at 8:00 a.m. in the Conference Room of the Ag Center Building, 809 8th St. S.E. in Detroit Lakes, Minnesota.

Those present were supervisors Duane Grossman, Tony Beck, Don Lefebvre, Dist. Conservationist Ed Musielewicz, Dist. Secretary Ginger Flynn, and Dist. Administrator Brad Grant.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Grossman.

Motion (Lefebvre, Beck) to approve the April minutes as sent out and received by the supervisors.
Affirmative: Unanimous. Motion carried.

The financial statements and bills payable were presented for approval.

Motion (Beck, Lefebvre) to approve payment of bills and financial statements as presented. Affirmative: Unanimous. Carried.

Audit Notice – Brad noted that we have reached the threshold in cumulative revenues since our last audit to require an audit of our 2009 financial records.

Motion (Beck, Lefebvre) to get a quote for conducting the 2009 financial audit. Affirmative: Unanimous. Carried.

Dist. Conservationist Report: Ed Musielewicz reported on the following:

- Dan Pazdernik last day will be today. We will get a new trainee Nicole Wallace on May 24th. Nicole is an engineering student and will be with us through the summer.
- Completed construction of the sediment basins on L.E. Hanson Farm. Will be starting the Pat Bolling project later this week.
- The WRP sign-up ended May 15th.
- The Rice Lake Restoration Project is moving along. All but one landowner has signed an agreement.
- A Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) sign-up is going on through June 11th. A tele-conference on the CSP program will be held this morning.
- \$1.1 million dollars of AWEF funds are available for the Red River Basin. We will try and fund some of our EQIP contracts that didn't get funded.
- 4 applications for WHIP totaling \$19,000 have been approved.

Dist. Technician Report – Dean and Ed are planting trees today.

Envirothon – Ginger reported on the April 28th Area I South Envirothon held at the Fergus Falls Prairie Wetlands Center. Twenty three teams from 6 schools took part. 1st place went to Barnesville, 2nd to DGF, and 3rd went to Fergus Falls. Ginger reported we received \$500 in contributions toward the Envirothon. Discussion was held on the Junior Envirothon and funding.

5th Grade Conservation Tour – The 43rd Annual 5th Grade Conservation Tour was held on Monday May 10th and Friday May 14th for 5 area schools. The weather caused us to re-schedule to Friday. All went well with 300 students taking part.

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Tree Program – The tree program is going well except for planting sites have been wet. Should be able to finish up this week. Tree sales were down slightly from last year.

CWL Grant – Brad reported on the CWL grant in cooperation with Clay, Norman, Mahnomen SWCDs. The grant will provide incentives to landowners installing eligible practices.

Wetland Conservation Act (WCA) –

- Brad attended the May 3rd public meeting on Boyer Lake Project. WCA impacts should be able to be avoided.
- Will be meeting with a landowner on Bass Lake in Forest Township concerning wetlands and buildable area. Planning and Zoning will attend also.
- No TEP Panel was held in May due to schedules.

Ag Inspector Program – Marsha Watland updated the supervisors on the following:

- Gravel Pit Certification Program – 30 gravel pits are involved to date, treated 336 gravel pit acres this year.
- Harvesting of leafy spurge beetles should be earlier this year. Otter Tail sites are no longer available as they don't have anyone monitoring them anymore. We hope to harvest on several sites in Becker County.
- Hope to continue to expand the bio-control of spotted knapweed this year.
- Will have township tours in July with 3 or 4 tours throughout the county instead of a bus tour. This will provide an opportunity to let the townships know what is going on with weed and invasive issue.
- Will be working with the county parks and trails on invasive issues on the snowmobile and ATV trails this year

Cost-share Contracts -

The following cost-share contracts were presented for payment authorization:

- Cont. #09-41, with Jeremiah McBroom, windbreak. Total cost \$1,533.50. Eligible cost-share \$1,092.00.
- Cont. #10-3, with Marty Jorschumb, windbreak. Total cost \$1,477.50. Eligible cost-share \$1,067.00.
- Cont. #09-43 with Dave Heggstuen, windbreak. Total cost \$1,476.00. Eligible cost-share \$1,107.00.
- Cont. #09-45 with William Eckberg, windbreak. Total cost \$1,232.00. Eligible cost-share \$924.00.
- Cont. #09-45 with Phil Erb, windbreak. Total cost \$2,467.50. Eligible cost-share \$1,850.00.
- Cont. #09-40 with Robert VonRuden. Total cost \$1,116.50. Eligible cost-share \$780.00.

Motion (Beck, Lefebvre) to approve payment of the above listed cost-share contracts in the amounts listed. Affirmative: Unanimous. Carried.

The following Hay Creek Project Native Buffer cost-share contracts were presented for consideration:

- Contract #HCNB-3 with Kevin Lunde. Estimated cost \$1,304.00. Eligible cost-share \$978.00.
- Contract #HCNB-4 with Gary Myers. Estimated cost \$1,942.00. Eligible cost-share \$1,456.00.
- Contract #HCNB-5 with T. Jay Schauer. Estimated cost \$3,642.00. Eligible cost-share \$2,731.00.

Motion (Beck, Lefebvre) to approve the above listed cost-share for the amounts presented. Affirmative: Unanimous. Carried.

Contract #10-8 with Duane Hanson for an abandoned well sealing was presented for consideration.

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Motion (Beck, Lefebvre) to approve contract #10-8 for 75% of the cost not to exceed \$240.00. Affirmative: Unanimous. Carried.

Contract #BR-2 with Arthur Anderson was presented for payment authorization. Total project cost \$5555.00. Approved cost-share from Buffalo-Red River Watershed District (BRRWD) funds is 12 ½ % not to exceed \$636.00. this is also an EQIP funded project.

Motion (Lefebvre, Beck) to approve payment of contract #BR-2 for \$636.00 of BRRWD funds and forward it to the BRRWD for payment. Affirmative: Unanimous. Carried

Filing for election – Don and Jerome have both filed for re-election to the Board.

Other –

- Brad updated the supervisors on the status of the Wild Rice Watershed District's Project Incentive Program. They plan to make that available in 2010 also.
- The Becker Dam Project was voted down. It will be re-proposed as a smaller project.
- Area I MASWCD Meeting is scheduled for June 10th in Ada to be followed by the RRVCSA JPB meeting.
- Preparing for the Water Plan Implementation Update meeting.

Being no further business the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Grossman.

Approved: Jerome Flottemesch, Secretary

Date: June 16, 2010