

**Becker Soil and Water Conservation District
Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting
Wednesday, September 21, 2011**

The regular meeting of the Becker Soil and Water Conservation Board of Supervisors was held on Wednesday, September 21, 2011, 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, Jerome Flottesmesch, Tony Beck, Don Lefebvre, County Commissioner Barry Nelson, Dist. Conservationist Ed Musielewicz, Dist. Technician Ed Clem, County Ag. Inspector Marsha Watland and Dist. Administrator Brad Grant.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Grossman.

The 3rd quarter supervisor's vouchers and extra meetings were presented and reviewed.

Extra meetings included:

July 29th EQIP Workgroup, Detroit Lakes – Jerry, Don, Tony, Duane

Aug. 3rd RRVCSA Committee, Mahnomen – Jerry

Sept. 12th Budget meeting, Detroit Lakes – Tony, Duane

Sept. 28th RRVCSA, Mahnomen – Jerry (add to voucher after attending)

Sept. 29th Buffalo-Red River Watershed Dist. Tour – Duane, Tony, Jerry (will add after attending)

Motion (Flottesmesch, Beck) to approve the 3rd quarter supervisor vouchers and extra meetings as presented and add the Sept. 28th and 29th meetings once attended. Affirmative: Unanimous. Carried.

Motion (Flottesmesch, Beck) to approve the minutes of the July 20th meeting as sent out and received by the supervisors. Affirmative: Unanimous. Carried.

The August financial statements and bills were presented.

Motion (Lefebvre, Beck) to approve the financial statements, 3rd quarter supervisor's vouchers and payment of bills. Affirmative: Unanimous. Carried.

Reports:

Dist. Conservationist Ed Musielewicz reported on the following:

- Ed Clem and Nikki completed the 61 CRP contracts by the Sept. 2nd deadline.
- Also wrapping up 10 continuous CRP plans.
- Becker NRCS will become part of Area I starting October 1st. Still some final items to complete.
- For the federal 2011, fiscal year we installed 51 sediment & erosion control basins, approved 49 contracts totaling \$1.08 million dollars, \$423,000 in cost-share payments.
- Closed on the 1st WRP easement for the Rice Lake project.

**Becker Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting
Wednesday, September 21, 2011**

Page | 2

Dist. Technician Ed Clem reported on the following:

- Spent much of August working on CRP plans with Nikki.
- Have a few continuous CRP contracts to complete.
- Dean and Ed have been staking sediment basin sites for construction.

2012 Budget was presented to the county commissioners on Sept. 12th. Commissioner Nelson reported on the meetings with the department heads and county issues.

NRCS Wetland Partnership Initiative – Brad reported that the final agreement came and he signed it as authorized, but we have not received back the final signed NRCS copy. Ed Clem will be attending a two day wetland training Oct. 3rd & 4th in regards to the partnership.

Clean Water Legacy Grants (CWL) – The deadline for submitting CWL grants was Sept, 20th. Five grant requests were submitted seeking \$245,000 in CWL funds. They were for sediment and erosion control basins in the Buffalo Red Watershed, Hay Creek Watershed, South Branch of the Wild Rice Watershed and the Cormorant Lakes Watershed. Also, one for an ag waste system was submitted. We will not hear until December which ones get approved.

Wetland Conservation Act –

- Issued an exemption for a rock crossing.
- Met with Silver Leaf Township on high water issues.
- With Zoning Office on Bad Medicine and Juggler Lake high water.
- Staked wetland at Swanie's Resort for removal of material from a wetland.

Ag Inspector Program – Marsha reported on the Ag Inspectors quarterly board meeting she attended in St. Cloud.

- Next year's short course will be hosted by Area 4, which is the Northeast portion of the State.
- Marsha is working on two CWMA grants, one from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and one from the Board of Water and Soil Resources.

Cost-share Contracts – The following cost-share contracts were presented for consideration. Contract #11-19 with Charles Amundson, abandoned well sealing.

Motion (Beck, Lefebvre) to approve contract #11-19 for 50% of the cost not to exceed \$240.00. Affirmative: Unanimous. Carried.

Contract #NB-10-4 with Kristi Flyen for shoreline restoration was presented. Preliminary cost estimates are \$12,000 - \$14,000. Brad stated that Steve Henry, the Shoreline Specialist from the East Otter Tail SWCD will be coming over on Thursday to view the site to see if the landowner has the right ideas and possibly be making suggestions. Also, will be discussing whether the planting should be done this fall or next spring. The supervisors felt the practice and job were good as we will be receiving more of these requests in the future when our lake plans are completed. However, due to final details being worked out on the Flyen contract the following action was taken.

**Becker Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting
Wednesday, September 21, 2011**

Page | 3

Motion (Flottemesch, Beck) to approve cost-share contract #NB-10-4 for 50% of the cost not to exceed \$4,500, with the contract to be reviewed next month following Steve Henry's site visit. Affirmative. Unanimous. Carried.

Other -

- Minnesota Public Radio did a story on the Hay Creek Project and erosion and sediment basins that have been installed.
- Buffalo-Red River Watershed Dist. tour is Sept. 29th. Tony, Jerome and Duane plan to attend.
- Next MASWCD Area I meeting is November 3rd in Ada.
- BWSR Training Academy is October 25th – 27th. Marsha will be doing a session on our invasive weed program.

Being no further business motion (Flottemesch, Beck) to adjourn. Affirmative: Unanimous. Carried.

Approved: Jerome Flottemesch, Secretary

Date: October 19, 2011