



Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting Wednesday, October 18, 2017

### **Meeting Minutes**

The regular meeting of the Becker Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors was held on Wednesday, October 18, 2017 in the Conference Room of the USDA Ag Center Building located at 809 8<sup>th</sup> Street SE, Detroit Lakes, MN.

Those present: Supervisors Tony Beck, Jerome Flottesch, Chairman Eugene Pavelko and Kathy Stenger. District Administrator Peter Mead, Office Manager Jennifer Wentz, NRCS District Conservationist Ed Musielewicz, and Ag Inspector Marsha Watland.

#### **Call to Order**

Chairman Pavelko called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m.

#### **Approval of Agenda and Consent Agenda Items**

This includes the September 20, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes and Employee Program Reports.

Pulled Items – meeting minutes and CAI report.

Motion (Beck, Stenger) to approve Agenda and Consent Agenda Items separate from pulled items. Affirmative: Unanimous. Carried.

#### **Financial Reports**

Treasurers Report and Bills for Approval were reviewed.

Motion (Flottesch, Stenger) to approve the September financials and pay the list of bills for October. Affirmative: Unanimous. Carried.

#### **Pulled Consent Agenda Items**

September Meeting Minutes. Correction to the wording within Grants & Agreements section, State of MN Joint Powers Agreement.

CAI Report. Watland discussed the recent discovery of Palmer Amaranth in a CP-42 Pollinator Planting in Todd County and MDA's follow up efforts. She's has been asked by MDA to research seed sources on recently planted CP-42 projects and will do so upon receipt of a MDA/FSA approved information release agreement or signed information releases from producers to protect Personally identifiable information in accordance with FOIA and the Districts data practices policy.

#### **Open Forum**

2018 Tree Order Form for Approval

Apple trees were changed for this year. Princeton Elm was added back at a per tree price of \$4.00 and will be offered in a smaller bundle option.

Motion (Stenger, Flottesch) to approve the 2018 tree order form. Affirmative: Unanimous. Carried.

Mead would like the personnel committee to meet prior to December. In Schauer's absence, we need to replace his position on the committee. Discussion of job duties and adjustments for performance appraisals will be discussed. The board will meet as a whole after our regular November board meeting.

National NRCS and Minnesota-North Dakota tour has been postponed until spring.

Ann Wessel established a great piece to highlight our efforts of Becker County lake protection projects. The BWSR news story was forwarded to everyone with an article and video clip. Justin Scallon's Detroit Lake shoreline property was highlighted with two restoration projects. BWSR will post soon and we can share to our social media.

Barry Nelson commented on his MASWCD/AMC committee position regarding SWCD taxing authority. Becker County does not support or deny the idea but wants to be certain that a majority are in favor prior to future discussions. BWSR and MASWCD have not given concrete evidence to back the concept.

Flottemesch noted that nominations for the SWCD Outstanding District Employee Award are open and feels that our District should pursue Peter Mead as a highly qualified candidate. Motion (Flottemesch, Stenger) to approve the nomination of Peter Mead as district employee of the year. Affirmative: Unanimous. Carried.

### **2017 MASWCD Resolution Packets and Ballot**

Supervisors completed individual ballots which will be compiled into a single ballot for submission to MASWCD following today's meeting.

### **Shoreland Fee Schedule**

The updated shoreland assistance fee structure will offer site visits free of charge and a flat \$200 planning and design fee which will not be cost-shared.

Motion (Flottemesch, Beck) to approve the shoreland fee schedule changes. Affirmative: Unanimous. Carried.

### **Shoreland Mitigation**

Landowners have inquired of cost-share assistance for shoreline mitigation projects. Official policy has not been set. We have been of the understanding that cost-share assistance is not available for such "fix-it" type projects. Violations of an ordinance shall not be forgiven of expenses incurred.

Parcels with an active shoreland violation from DNR, county or other regulatory agencies will not be eligible for cost-share assistance to come into compliance. Steps beyond the minimum required for compliance should be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Motion (Flottemesch, Beck) to authorize administration to create a policy that allows no cost-share for mitigation activities on parcels with an active violation of state, county or other local shoreland ordinances. Affirmative: Unanimous. Carried.

### **State Cost Share Contracts for Cancellation**

#SCS-2016-4, Terry Kohler, WSCB implementation delayed, funds expire December 2017. This returns \$250 to 2016 State Cost-Share funds.

Motion (Stenger, Flottemesch) to cancel the 2016 State Cost-Share contract noted above. Affirmative: Unanimous. Carried.

### **Clean Water Legacy Contracts for Cancellation**

#CWL-31-LP, Barb Jacobs, Landowner Cancellation. This returns \$3,202 back to CWL-Lake Protection funds.

#CWL-32-LP, Tyler Derouin, Landowner Cancellation. This returns \$2,887 back to CWL-Lake Protection funds.

Motion (Beck, Flottemesch) to approve the above CWL-Lake Protection contract cancellations. Affirmative: Unanimous. Carried.

### **Flat Rate Cost-Share Contracts for Approval**

#BA-1, D&D Moore LLP, Buffer Implementation. 9.02 acres at \$300 per acre. Eligible cost share \$2,706.

#BA-2, Bruce Tinjum, Buffer Implementation. 6.4 acres at \$300 per acre. Eligible cost share \$1,920.

#BA-3, Curt Nelson, Buffer Implementation. 9.7 acres at \$300 per acre. Eligible cost share \$2,910.

#BA-4, Arvo Wibe, Buffer Implementation. 3.0 acres at \$300 per acre. Eligible cost share \$900.

#BA-5, Terry Kohler, Buffer Implementation. 4.5 acres at \$300 per acre. Eligible cost share \$1,350.

Motion (Flottemesch, Stenger) to approve the Buffer Cost-Share contracts above. Affirmative: Unanimous. Carried.

Reminder...this makes those landowners eligible for an approved Buffer Compliance Waiver which must be in place prior to November 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Clean Water Legacy Contracts for Approval**

#CWL-35-LP, Darren & Jane Leno, Shoreline Stabilization. Estimated project cost \$11,138 with 50% cost share of \$5,569.

#CWL-36-LP, Barb & Lane Engberg, Shoreline Stabilization. Estimated project cost \$3,312 with 75% cost share of \$2,484.

Motion (Flottemesch, Beck) to approve the above CWL-Lake Protection contracts. Affirmative: Unanimous. Carried.

**State Cost-Share Contracts for Approval**

#SCS-2017-7, Terry Kohler, Water & Sediment Control Basins. Estimated project cost \$9,330; BRRWD and EQIP funding; cost share of \$250.

Motion (Flottemesch, Stenger) to approve the above 2017 State Cost-Share contract. Affirmative: Unanimous. Carried.

**Clean Water Legacy Vouchers for Payment**

#CWL-20-LP, Wade & Betty Jo Wilson, Critical Area Planting, Raingardens. Total project cost \$10,496 with cost share payment of \$5,248.

Motion (Beck, Stenger) to approve the above payment from CWL-Lake Protection funds. Affirmative: Unanimous. Carried.

**State Cost Share Vouchers for Payment**

#SCS-2017-6, Fran Johnson, Raingarden. Total project cost \$5,940 with cost share payment of \$2,970.

Motion (Stenger, Beck) to approve the above payment from 2017 State Cost-Share funds. Affirmative: Unanimous. Carried.

**Adjourn**

With nothing further to report, Chairman Pavelko adjourned the meeting at 9:40 a.m. Affirmative: Unanimous. Carried.

**Approved: Kathy Stenger, Becker SWCD Secretary**

**Date: November 15, 2017**