



Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting Wednesday May 16, 2018 Meeting Minutes

The regular meeting of the Becker Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors was held on Wednesday, May 16, 2018 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, Eugene Pavelko, Travis Schauer and Kathy Stenger. Staff members include District Administrator Peter Mead, Office Manager Jen Wentz and NRCS District Conservationist Ed Musielewicz. Becker County Commissioner Barry Nelson was also in attendance.

Call to Order

Chairman Beck called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m.

Approval of Agenda and Consent Agenda Items

Reviewed prior: April 18, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes; Employee Program Reports

Motion (Pavelko, Schauer) to approve the April minutes as well as the agenda and consent agenda. Affirmative: Unanimous. Carried.

Financials

Treasurers Report and Bills for Approval

Motion (Schauer, Pavelko) to accept the April Treasurers Report and pay the list of bills for May. Affirmative: Unanimous. Carried.

District Reports

Administrator's Report

- Science on Tap event at Zorbaz was held last month. Brew Master of Summit Brewing presented; Nicole Wallace wore Sammy Soil and represented SWCD and NRCS very well.
- Boats, Buffers and Bars is a brainstorming idea set to begin this July. This will showcase some of our most recent natural vegetative buffers around Big and Little Detroit Lake. We're working with J&K Marine for the use of a pontoon and captain for the day.
- We celebrated Administrative Professionals Day with an office lunch at Long Bridge. This establishment has seen many new improvements including vegetative buffers and other water quality enhancements.
- Phil Doll attended the Crow Wing Healthy Waters event.
- RIM Wild Rice easements and CREP easements are beginning to pick-up speed. Mandy Erickson with DNR Fisheries put us in contact with a landowner that is a good candidate for these opportunities. Phil continues to inform of his RIM in the Trees program.
- Tree delays were many amongst our nursery vendors which have led to multiple contacts with landowners to coordinate pick-up.
- Senior Envirothon was held May 2nd with Alisa, Jen, Logan, Phil and Max attending. We had five schools competing with winners from Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton and Underwood.
- The 5th Grade Ike Fischer Farm event was held May 8th and 10th. Kathy Stenger assisted with group leading. All station presenters did an excellent job entertaining the kids with conservation.
- Becker County Water Festival was held May 8th at the Kent Freeman Arena. Claire and Marsha presented water infiltration and native plants.
- Soil Mechanic trainings were attended by Nicole, Logan and Max.
- Mead attended the USDA reorganization planning meeting on May 11th. USDA is soliciting ideas and thoughts from SWCD boards and managers prior to proposal to the national committee.
 - Goal of 1:8 supervisors to staff ratio over the next five years.

- New Conservation Delivery Team Centers (CDTC)
- Field and Area Offices will be combined; locations have yet to be determined with Detroit Lakes as a possibility. This could mean up to seven new employees housed in our office.
- Conservation Delivery Team Leader will manage members within their region – Becker, Otter Tail, Wilkin, Clay – and will complete field work as well as office duties.
- AIS inspector interviews are complete. Karl Koenig continues to amaze and flourish in his AIS Coordinator position. Minnesota fishing opener was manageable with decreased numbers from previous years.
- Purchased a new truck with tailgate lift, a small Kubota tractor and a new load trailer using CWL Lake Protection funds.
- WASCB Training held May 15th and 16th at the county courthouse meeting room with outdoor field work near Lake Park.
- Middle Cormorant Beach project has begun. The site will be closed to the public until mid-June.
- TEP hearing for August will review wetland impacts on Anchor Road along with Becker County and Detroit Township ditch and shoulder impacts along Co Hwy 21 and access structures.

Open Forum

MASWCD Area 1 summer meeting to be held June 19th at M State in Detroit Lakes. Wentz is involved with the planning committee. They will meet tomorrow at the Detroit Lakes Public Library. More information will be forthcoming.

Grants and Agreements

Approval of AIS Management Grant Agreements for treatment with Detroit and Toad Lakes and Pelican River Watershed District. Rank and scoring is completed. All are eligible for up to \$4,000 each for their lake treatments which are determined by the DNR. Pelican River has followed through with Curly Leaf and Flowering Rush treatments. Toad Lake has also been treating Curly Leaf for several years. This money comes from a hold back of Monitoring & Rapid Response funds from our AIS annual state aid.

Motion (Stenger, Pavelko) to approve funding for Detroit Lake and Toad Lake agreements. Pelican River application is denied until a proper grant agreement is returned. Affirmative: Unanimous. Carried.

State Cost Share Contracts for Approval

#BA-8, Curtis Nelson, Water and Sediment Control Basin. Estimated project cost \$23,603 with \$12,474 from EQIP and \$3,471 from 2018 Buffer Cost-Share funds.

Motion (Schauer, Stenger) to approve the contract for 2018 Buffer Cost-Share funding. Affirmative: Unanimous. Carried.

Clean Water Legacy Contracts for Approval

#CWL-3-UB, Schouviller Dairy, Water and Sediment Control Basins. Estimated project cost \$19,414 with 90% payment of \$17,473 from CWL Upper Buffalo River funding.

#CWL-5-UB, Chad and Joel Okeson, Water and Sediment Control Basins & Grade Stabilizations. Estimated project cost \$502,507 with \$357,838 from EQIP and \$94,418 from CWL Upper Buffalo River funding.

#CWL-29-BR, Matt Bjerke, Water and Sediment Control Basins. Estimated project cost \$42,377 with \$22,597 from EQIP and \$15,543 from 2018 CWL Buffalo Red funding.

#CWL-30-BR, Kevan Nelson, Water and Sediment Control Basins. Estimated project cost \$46,844 with \$21,728 from EQIP and \$20,432 from 2018 CWL Buffalo Red funding.

#CWL-31-BR, Travis Schauer, Water and Sediment Control Basins. Estimated project cost \$10,429 with 90% payment of \$9,386 from 2015 CWL Buffalo Red funding.

Motion (Pavelko, Stenger) to approve contracts for the above Clean Water Legacy grants. Affirmative: Unanimous. Carried.

Adjourn

Chairman Beck adjourned the meeting at 9:52 a.m.

Upcoming Events

May 21st – Dylan Kruzel begins as our Conservation Apprentice for the summer

May 24th – Native Plant order deadline. Customer pick-ups scheduled for June 1st

June 8th – AIS Summit to be held at M State in Detroit Lakes

June 12th – Birthday celebration for Ike Fischer at the Frazee Event Center

June 12th – RRVCSA TSA 1 Meeting at Mahnomon County Courthouse

June 12th or thereabouts – Ribbon cutting celebration for the Middle Cormorant Beach project

June 19th – MASWCD Area 1 summer meeting at M State in Detroit Lakes

Approved: Eugene Pavelko, Becker SWCD Secretary

Date: June 20, 2018