



Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting Wednesday February 17, 2021

Meeting Minutes

The regular meeting of the Becker Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors was held on Wednesday February 17, 2021 in the Conference Room of the Holiday Inn located at, 1155 US Hwy 10 E, Detroit Lakes, MN.

Those present were Supervisors Travis Schauer, Tony Beck, Gene Pavelko, Curt Ballard and Michelle Andresen. Staff members include District Administrator Bryan Malone, Office Manager Deana Westberg, Office Assistant Alisa Bentley, NRCS District Conservationist Ed Musielewicz, NRCS Team Lead Bob Guetter and Becker County Commissioner Barry Nelson.

Call to Order Chairman Schauer called the meeting to order at 8:41 a.m.

Approval of Agenda and Consent Agenda Items

(January 20, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes; Employee Program Reports)

Motion (Beck, Andresen) to approve the consent agenda items including the addition of Buffalo Red Implementation Funding Workplan to agenda, January meeting minutes and employee program reports. Affirmative: Unanimous. Carried.

Financials

Malone reviewed the Treasurers Report and Bills for Approval

Motion (Ballard, Andresen) to approve the January Treasurer's Report, February bills for payment, and MACDE & NACDE Dues. Affirmative: Unanimous. Carried.

Reports

Malone reported that the Buffalo-Red, Wild Rice and Redeye Comprehensive Watershed Management plans have been taking a fair amount of time to develop workplans and agreements. Information was shared with the Becker County Board of Commissioners regarding the adoption of those plans. The possible restructuring of the RRVCSA to have technical staff as SWCD employees and distribute grant funds equally between districts required some new budgeting scenarios for FY2022. Received an extension from BWSR to get elink reporting done. Assisted with billing rate calculations and attended a WCA TEP meeting.

Agreements

Buffalo Red Implementation Funding Workplan:

Motion (Beck, Ballard) to approve the Buffalo Red Implementation Funding Workplan.

Affirmative: Unanimous. Carried.

Redeye Implementation by-laws:

Motion (Ballard, Pavelko) to approve the bylaws for the Redeye Implementation by-laws.

Affirmative: Unanimous. Carried

Redeye Watershed Based Implementation Funding (WBIF) Workplan:

Motion (Beck, Andresen) to approve the Redeye Watershed Based Implementation Funding Workplan.
Affirmative: Unanimous. Carried.

Wild Rice-Marsh Implementation MOA:

Motion (Andresen, Beck) to approve the Wild Rice-Marsha Implementation MOA.
Affirmative: Unanimous. Carried.

Open Forum

Nothing to be reported on open forum.

2021 Financial Assistance Policies

Cost Share Bid Policy:

Motion (Beck, Pavelko) to approve using the current year EQIP rate each year once the rate is made available.

Affirmative: Unanimous. Carried.

Flat Rate Cost Share Assistance Policy: Recommended that all projects solicit for 3 quotes, if no quotes received then project estimated cost would be used. District Administrator has the authority to accept or approve quotes.

Tabled until the next meeting to finish writing the language of the policy.

Grants

NACD Urban Agriculture Grant Application: Logan has submitted the grant for \$50,000.

NACD Conservation Planner Grant application due Feb. 21- Bryan will put together a resolution if needed for the grant he will bring that forward.

Motion (Pavelko, Beck) to approve applying for the NACD Conservation Planner Grant.

Affirmative: Unanimous. Carried.

Equipment

Survey Equipment Upgrade: Upgrading 2 tablets and system of Wes. Trading in the old tablets.

Motion (Beck, Ballard) to approve the survey equipment upgrade.

Affirmative: Unanimous. Carried.

Clean Water Legacy Vouchers for Approval

#CWL-16-TD, Kraig Nelson, Water & Sediment Control Basins-Total Project Cost: \$156,167.00, with 37.5% partial cost share payment of \$58,562.63. The Buffalo Red 319 grant will provide the other 37.5% of \$58,562.63 for a total 75% partial payment of \$117,125.25.

Motion (Ballard, Beck) to approve the Clean Water Legacy Vouchers as presented.

Affirmative: Unanimous. Carried

Adjourn

Seeing no further business, Chairman Schauer adjourned the meeting at 10:26 am.

Approved: Michelle Andresen, Becker SWCD Secretary

Date: 3/17/2021