



Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting Wednesday June 20, 2018

Meeting Minutes

The regular meeting of the Becker Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors was held on Wednesday, June 20, 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, Jerome Flottemesch, Travis Schauer and Kathy Stenger. Staff members include District Administrator Peter Mead, Office Manager Jen Wentz, Water Resource Technician Ed Clem 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 8:37 a.m.

Approval of Agenda and Consent Agenda Items

May 16, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes; Employee Program Reports

Motion (Schauer, Pavelko) to approve the May minutes as well as the agenda and consent agenda.

Affirmative: Unanimous. Carried.

Financials

Wentz reviewed the May Treasurer's Report and Bills for Approval

Motion (Flottemesch, Pavelko) to approve the May treasurer's report and June bills for payment. Affirmative: Unanimous. Carried.

Supervisor Expenses and Special Meetings

Review and Approve 2nd QTR Supervisor Expenses & Special Meetings. The special meetings are as follows:

- TSA Budget Meeting April 3rd
- EQIP Local Workgroup Meeting April 5th
- BRRWD 1W1P Policy Meeting April 6th
- BRRWD 1W1P Policy Meeting May 4th
- TSA Regular Meeting June 12th
- MASWCD Area 1 Meeting June 19th

Motion (Flottemesch, Stenger) to accept payroll vouchers and travel expenses with one change noted for Flottemesch.

District Reports

Administrator's Report given by Peter Mead

- Staff have been busy. Olson has taken off with the Shoreland program with no shortage of hoops and hurdles but is handling these obstacles well.
- Governor Dayton made a great statement in the veto letter furnished at yesterday's MASWCD Area 1 meeting. Take the time to read it.
- Middle Cormorant Beach project has recently come together with curb and sidewalk installed. Pictures to follow. We're 1-2 weeks behind schedule but hope to be completed by the end of June.
- Met with Darren Mayers, BWSR Buffer Specialist.

- Reviewed wetland road bank applications on site—Ogema Investors and Wally Danielson.
- Met with BWSR Clean Water Specialist staff.
- Staff met May 29th for a shortened version of the monthly staff meeting.
- TSA met June 12th for their semi-annual regular board meeting.
- 1W1P work is beginning via Becker County approval and area Watershed District research.
 - Steering and Policy committees will meet and need staff or board to participate.
- Mead was approached by Otter Tail County regarding work on the 1W1P for the Red Eye Watershed District. They are once again seeking a 1W1P planning grant. It was agreed we should participate but playing an active roll could pose some difficulty due to other 1W1P processes underway or potentially unfolding in other Becker County watersheds.
- Mead reported to the board what LeAnn Buck, MASWD Assistant Director, reported to him regarding property in Evergreen Twp.

As they did not make the board packet, the Office and Administrative Report, Programs Report, Shoreland Report and Engineering Report were reviewed by Mead.

Wetland Report given by Ed Clem

- Working on a small wetland impact on the north shore of Shell Lake. Ice ridge damage was apparent. Landowner has placed fill in wetland. Landowner is meeting with Planning & Zoning for a variance request to build a structure. Fill will be removed.
- Reviewed a couple delineations for developments: (1) Corner of Co Hwy 6 and State Hwy 59 northeast of Paul Davis Restoration. This is the island surrounded by wetland. The wetland in question is a DNR public water wetland. WCA jurisdiction is only above the public water boundary on this. Developer will need to work through DNR permitting before WCA becomes an issue. (2) Roy Smith on northeast side of Lake Eunice would like to develop a parcel of farmland into a residential plat. Working with the delineator, he was able to determine that a wetland on the development is an incidental wetland that was artificially created, and therefore not subject to WCA regulation.
- Rice Lake Restoration no loss application. They have submitted two applications: (1) Public road improvements for Anchor Road and (2) A No-Loss application for the embankments and water control structures, the borrow areas and access roads to the structures. Looking to fill approximately 2 acres of wetland. The TEP recommended amending the application to show wetland mitigation for the access road improvements or remove them from the project.

Chairman Beck recessed the regular board meeting at 9:35 a.m. and opened the public hearing for Fellers driveway project.

Public Hearing

William Fellers Driveway Project Wetland Replacement Plan

Introduction: This project is located on Snowshoe Beach near Big Cormorant and just 5 lots from the Steve Wright project that was heard earlier this year. It consists of two separate lots that have used a shared driveway. When platted some received easements for shared driveways and others just a verbal agreement. Applicant has a small seasonal cabin. They've shared a driveway in the past but now with a recent sale of the adjacent property and no recorded easement, that agreement will no longer work. The impacted area of wetland has been partially filled in the past, resulting in limited ecological value to the wetland.

TEP reviewed application. Landowner noted necessity of project in the application. Landowner is minimizing impact with the assistance of wetland specialist design plans.

The area of concern is considered degraded wetlands.

TEP Findings and Recommendations: Purpose and need of driveway access to cabin is reasonable and prudent, avoidance and minimization standards have been met, proposed purchase of wetland credits is suitable replacement for this impact, Special considerations such as T & E species, rare natural plant communities, etc. will not be significantly impacted. TEP recommends approval of the wetland replacement plan.

Chairman Beck asked for comments in favor or against the application. Seeing none, the public hearing was closed and the regular board meeting was reopened.

The SWCD Board, serving as WCA LGU in Becker County concurred with the TEP recommendations and findings, motion (Flottemesch, Pavelko) to approve the William Fellers Driveway Project Wetland Replacement Plan. Affirmative: Unanimous. Carried.

Human Resources

Review and Approve Personnel Committee Recommendations.

Motion (Schauer, Pavelko) to approve Brandon Dahring as a permanent, full-time District Technician. Affirmative: Unanimous. Carried.

Open Forum

Budget Committee to meet for preparations of the 2019 Budget. This consists of Stenger and Schauer. Meeting will be held on July 10th at 9:00 a.m. at the USDA Conference Room.

Mead will be gone for the July board meeting. Aaron Salo will step-in.

Mapping Solutions contacted us regarding another edition of the plat book and forwarded an agreement to create and publish a 2019 copy. After discussion, the board has decided to push this another year forward to print a 2020 version for purchase in the fall of 2019.

Flottemesch and Pavelko visited the county offices and filed for re-election in the 2018 general election.

Grants and Agreements

Approval of PRWD AIS Management Grant Agreement. This provides cost-share of up to \$4,000 for AIS treatment on Lake Sallie.

Motion (Stenger, Flottemesch) to approve the PRWD AIS Management Grant Agreement. Affirmative: Unanimous. Carried.

Review and Approval of BWSR Technical Training Acceleration Grant has been forwarded to the TSA for their board approval.

Review and Approval of MPCA Environmental Assistance Grant Application. For up to \$15,000 funding and 10% match for Arsenic and Nitrate testing of private wells. We have a high incidence of Arsenic at or near cautionary levels in newly dug wells. Provides frees for staff time, outreach and testing at RMB Labs. Resolution reviewed by Mead.

Motion (Flottemesch, Schauer) to approve the resolution and agreement for the MPCA Environmental Assistance Grant Application. Affirmative: Unanimous. Carried.

State Cost Share Contracts for Cancellation

#SCS-17-2, J & A Dairy, Ag Waste System. Project is not moving forward at this time.

Motion (Pavelko, Stenger) to cancel contract as no further assistance is needed at this time. Affirmative: Unanimous. Carried.

State Cost Share Contracts for Cancellation

#CWL-40-LP, Robert and Mary Meyer, Shoreland Stabilization on Floyd Lake. This is one of many projects that fell through on Floyd Lake.

Motion (Schauer, Pavelko) to cancel contract as no further assistance is needed at this time. Affirmative: Unanimous. Carried.

State Cost Share Contracts for Approval

#SCS-17-8, Dwight Hanson, Water and Sediment Control Basins. Total estimated costs \$34,370 with 75% cost share payment of \$2,944.

#SCS-18-3, Dwight Hanson, Water and Sediment Control Basins. Total estimated costs \$34,370 with 75% cost share payment of \$3,471 and NRCS EQIP payment of \$19,362 for both contracts.

Motion (Schauer, Flottesmesch) to approve the above listed Clean Water Legacy contracts. Affirmative: Unanimous. Carried.

State Cost Share Vouchers for Approval

#SCS-18-2, Travis Schauer, Full Season Cover Crop. 27 acres at \$112 per acre. Total project costs \$3,035 with 100% cost share payment of \$3,035.

#SCS-18-4, Brent Gilbertson, Full Season Cover Crop. 13.9 acres at \$82.80 per acre. Total project costs \$1,151 with 100% cost share payment of \$1,151.

Motion (Flottesmesch, Stenger) to approve payment on the above listed State Cost-Share vouchers. Affirmative: Unanimous (Schauer abstained from the vote). Carried.

Clean Water Legacy Vouchers for Approval

#GWP-5, Nelson Farming Association, Irrigation Water Management. Total project costs \$13,943 with 90% cost share payment of \$12,549.

#CWL-34-LP, Barbara Mollberg & Brian Clark, Shoreline/Streambank Stabilization. Total project costs \$2,801 with 75% cost share payment of \$2,101.

Motion (Pavelko, Schauer) to approve payment on the above listed Clean Water Legacy vouchers. Affirmative: Unanimous. Carried.

Adjourn

With no further business, Chairman Beck adjourned the meeting at 11:01 a.m.