

**BIG STONE SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
SUPERVISORS' MEETING – AUGUST 2<sup>ND</sup>, 2011  
AG SERVICE CENTER, ORTONVILLE MN**

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Johnson at 4:39 p.m.

Supervisors present: Johnson, Jorgenson, Moen  
Supervisors absent: Gillespie, Wellendorf

Others present: Brent Olson, BSC Commissioner; Darren Wilke, BSC Environmental Office; Krecia Leddy, NRCS; Jeff Berens, CWMA Intern; Tammy Neubauer, SWCD

**Secretary's Minutes** – motion Moen second Jorgenson to approve Secretary's Minutes of July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011, meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report** – motion Jorgenson second Moen to approve Treasurer's Report and pay all bills presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

**BSC Commissioners' Report** – Mr. Brent Olson was present representing the BSC Commissioners. Olson discussed the idea being talked about the District being merged with Big Stone County. Some SWCDs have merged with their county offices. Darren Wilke discussed the District budget and the possible pros and cons of a county partnership. The discussion was left that Wilke will research other partnered counties and Districts to see what obstacles they have encountered. Mr. Olson will present information at the next Commissioner's meeting and the District will present their budget, after it is approved, to the Commissioners in September.

It was discussed that NRCS has offered the opportunity for Districts to enter into a contribution agreement for staff to complete AD-1026s and Certified Wetland Determinations. Since the District does not have a current wetland delineator on staff, Darren Wilke would be required to complete the ground work, and District would complete the paper work. Wilke expressed that he will not have enough time to complete the field work. Mr. Watson of NRCS has stated that the Contribution Agreement will need to be "all or nothing". Neubauer will still notify NRCS that the District is interested in the AD-1026 workload if the opportunity would arise.

The district will be completing 8 CRP and CCRP contracts in a Contribution Agreement. Travis Issendorf will be completing the bulk of the workload, and Neubauer will be helping with the paperwork. Also, Neubauer informed the Board that Gary Watson had contacted her about taking on 11 CRP/CCRP contracts from another District. Neubauer will need to talk to Issendorf about his work load before committing to taking on any more contract work.

Darren Wilke left the meeting at 5:14 p.m.

**NRCS Report** – Krecia Leddy presented the NRCS Report (attached).

Krecia Leddy left the meeting at 5:31 p.m.

**SWCD Report** – Jeff Berens gave an update on his accomplishments with the CWMA. Jeff will be done working with the CWMA on August 12<sup>th</sup>. Neubauer updated the Board on happenings and contract completions in the absence of a District Technician.

**Pheasants Forever** – In the absence of Travis Issendorf, Neubauer distributed his PF Report (attached).

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Well Sealing Cost Share Payment – motion Jorgenson second Moen to approve well sealing cost-share payment to John Jensen #11-06 for \$275.00. All in favor. Motion carried.
- Budget – 2012 budget discussion and approval tabled until September meeting.
- Area II Meeting – Big Stone is hosting the Area II meeting on September 8<sup>th</sup>. Neubauer has asked Brent Olson to do an intro and speak during the meeting. Mr. Olson will check his schedule and get back to Neubauer as soon as possible.
- 2009 Cost Share Closeout – motion Moen second Jorgenson to approve 2009 State Cost-Share Closeout and return funds to BWSR of \$1319.68. All in favor. Motion carried.
- SWCD Governance 101 Conference – Neubauer is interested in attending conference in Alexandria in September. Neubauer will send information to Holly Wellendorf also.

The Board has asked Neubauer to set up interviews for the District Technician position and notify them of dates and times.

### **COMING EVENTS**

- SWCD Governance 101 – Alexandria, September 12-13
- Area II Meeting hosted by Big Stone SWCD, September 8, Ortonville Golf Club
- BWSR Academy – Breezy Point, October 25-27.

The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2011, at 3:00 p.m.

Being there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Sincerely,

*Tammy Neubauer*

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