

RICE S.W.C.D.
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
June 16, 2010

PRESENT: Bob Borchert, Bob Duban, Wally Hildebrandt, Richard Huston, Gary Wagenbach, Steve Pahs, Tom Coffman, Dale Neirby, Danielle Waldschmidt, Adam Arndt, Trent McCorkell and Debbie Skarupa.

ABSENT: None

Chairman Robert Borchert called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM.

MINUTES: Motion by Dick Huston, seconded by Gary Wagenbach to approve the May 19, 2010 board meeting minutes. Ayes: Borchert, Duban, Hildebrandt, Huston and Wagenbach. All aye -None opposed - Motion carried.

FINANCIAL: Motion by Wally Hildebrandt, seconded by Bob Duban to approve the May Program Summary subject to audit. Ayes: Borchert, Duban, Hildebrandt, Huston and Wagenbach. All aye - None opposed - Motion carried.

Motion by Wally Hildebrandt, seconded by Bob Duban to approve the bills payable subject to audit. Ayes: Borchert, Duban, Hildebrandt, Huston and Wagenbach. All Aye. None opposed. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

SUPERVISOR ELECTIONS: Chairman Borchert welcomed Dale Neirby who is running for the supervisor position in District V. Steve Pahs said there was a mix-up at the Auditor's Office and Scott Donkers filed in District V and he lives in District III. Steve contacted Fran Windshittl, but it appears they cannot correct it, and Scott will not be able to win even if he receives the most votes unless he moves. Steve will continue to try and contact Scott Donkers.

LAND VALUATION/TAX ASSESSMENT DISCUSSION: Bob Duban read a paragraph from the *Farm Bureau Voice* magazine. Discussion followed. It appears the Department of Revenue and the U of M are working together to change the procedures for Rural Preserves and Green Acres land valuations. Bob decided not to do a MASWCD resolution at this time but will continue to update the board.

SEMASWCD RESOLUTION MEETING: Bob Borchert reminded everyone about the SEMASWCD (Area 7) Resolution Meeting on June 30 from 1:00 to 3:00 at the Legion in Dodge Center. Supervisors may come at noon for a beef brisket sandwich for \$5.00 without an RSVP.

GARLIC MUSTARD RESOLUTION: Gary Wagenbach brought in more samples of Garlic Mustard showing it is in the seed pod stage already. He and Trent McCorkell explained the invasive biennial plant's characteristics (each plant can have 7000 seeds) and noted it was hard to find information and mapping of many invasive species. Trent explained noxious plant versus invasive plant listings. Gary thanked everyone who helped write the resolution and for strategies to control invasive Garlic Mustard and work with MN Depart of Ag and the MN DNR. The resolution will go to

the SEMASWCD Resolution Meeting and if passed, go on to the convention. Motion by Dick Huston, seconded by Bob Duban to accept the Mustard Seed Resolution after adding MN Department of Ag to the last Further Be it Resolved. Ayes: Borchert, Duban, Hildebrandt, Huston and Wagenbach. All Aye. None opposed. Motion carried. Resolution is attached to the filed minutes. Bob Borchert suggested Invasive Species as a good fair booth project.

SIGN STATUS: Steve Pahs will stake sign location and Rice County Highway Department will install it.

NEW BUSINESS:

DNR OB WELL READING: Motion by Wally Hildebrandt, seconded by Dick Huston to approve the 2011 MN DNR Observation Well Reading Agreement. Ayes: Borchert, Duban, Hildebrandt, Huston and Wagenbach. All Aye. None opposed. Motion carried.

2010 BUDGET UPDATE: Steve Pahs passed out a budget analysis through May 31, 2010 and reviewed it.

2010 WAGE REVISIONS: Wage and Step increases were not granted in January 2010. Discussion followed. Motion by Dick Huston, seconded by Wally Hildebrandt to grant step increases for approximately the last six months of the year starting with Pay Period #14. Ayes: Borchert, Duban, Hildebrandt, Huston and Wagenbach. All Aye. None opposed. Motion carried.

2011 BUDGET REQUEST: Steve went over the 2011 budget. Rice County will not be doing any budget reductions in 2010. State Board of Soil and Water Resources' dollars will be down substantially, and Gary Weiers said he is not sure if Rice County can fund the SWCD at the current level. Discussion followed. Budget needs to be to the county by July 5. Motion by Dick Huston, seconded by Wally Hildebrandt to accept the preliminary 2011 budget. Ayes: Borchert, Duban, Hildebrandt, Huston and Wagenbach. All Aye. None opposed. Motion carried.

VEHICLE STATUS: Currently we own a 1994 pick-up with 130,000 miles, a 2002 Chevrolet with 110,000 and a 2005 Chevrolet Silverado with approximately 42,000 miles. Steve Pahs felt we should consider a car or van to replace an older truck to get better mileage. Discussion followed. Steve to check if SWCD can have access to any of the county vehicles or if it could be a line item on the budget. Can use NRCS vehicles when not in use. Put on July agenda.

TREE SALE SUMMARY: Tree sales were up due to a couple of large CREP planting plans.. Steve Pahs said approximate revenue was \$38,000 with \$22,000 in expenses, leaving approximately \$16,000 profit when all bills are paid. Dick Huston said his Princeton Elm trees died.

STATE COST SHARE CANCELLATION: Motion by Bob Duban, seconded by Wally Hildebrandt to cancel the following state cost-share contract:

CS#091127 LouAnn Wendland - 3155 80th St.-Northfield-Sediment Control Basin-\$1435.20-Web 27

Ayes: Borchert, Duban, Hildebrandt, Huston and Wagenbach. All Aye. None opposed. Motion carried.

INCREASE STATE C-S T&A: Rice SWCD had been using only 10% of the 20% allowed T&A for the past several years. Motion by Wally Hildebrandt, seconded by Bob Duban to approve changing the State Cost Share Technical and Administrative from 10% to 20% for the 2009 and 2010 contracts. Ayes: Borchert, Duban, Hildebrandt, Huston and Wagenbach. All Aye. None opposed. Motion carried.

STATE FEEDLOT C-S CONTRACT SCOTT MARIK: The final completion deadline for Scott Marik's feedlot contract is June 30, 2010 and the work is almost completed. Partial payment has been paid and NRCS did the engineering assistance on the project. Motion by Gary Wagenbach, seconded by Dick Huston to hold a special board meeting on June 30 to be determined by Steve Pahs to approve the remainder of the Scott Marik State feedlot cost share contract if completed. Ayes: Borchert, Duban, Hildebrandt, Huston and Wagenbach. All Aye. None opposed. Motion carried.

SE MN WATER RESOURCES BOARD COST-SHARE CONTRACT: Discussion. Motion by Wally Hildebrandt, seconded by Dick Huston to approve increasing the James Dietz SEWRB contract from \$2513.00 to \$4336.44. Ayes: Borchert, Duban, Hildebrandt, Huston and Wagenbach. All Aye. None opposed. Motion carried.

SE MN WATER RESOURCES BOARD VOUCHER: Motion by Dick Huston, seconded by Bob Duban to approve the SE MN WRB Cost-Share voucher payment for:

WRBCS#2010001 – James Dietz-3303 197 St. E. Faribault-Filter Strip-CC 28 - \$4336.44

Ayes: Borchert, Duban, Hildebrandt, Huston and Wagenbach. All Aye. None opposed. Motion carried. Steve Pahs is the designated Conservation District Technical Representative. This practice does meet the high priority definition and 75% is the approve cost share amount.

BWSR STATE COST SHARE VOUCHER: Motion by Bob Duban, seconded by Dick Huston to approve the following state cost share voucher payment:

CS#090920-James Dietz-3303 197 St E.-Faribault –CC 28 – Two sediment basins - \$4427.90

Ayes: Borchert, Duban, Hildebrandt, Huston and Wagenbach. All Aye. None opposed. Motion carried. Steve Pahs was the conservation district technical representative, the practice met the high priority definition and 75% is the approved cost share amount.

NATIVE BUFFER GRANT C-S CONTRACTS: Rice County held a workshop on native shoreland buffers and asked people to contact Danielle, who is working with these three landowners. Motion by Dick Huston, seconded by Bob Duban to approve the following Native Buffer Grant Shoreland Applications:

Paul Kelm-4025 Wells Lake Ct-Faribault-Wells Sec 33 - Native Shoreland Buffer-\$1727.25
Curtiss Rayman-6710 French Lake Trl-Faribault – Wells Sec 7 – Native Shoreland Buffer - \$1141.50
Roger A. Stoick-14496 Irwin Ct – Montgomery – Erin 34 – Native Shoreland Buffer - \$2636.15

Ayes: Borchert, Duban, Hildebrandt, Huston and Wagenbach. All Aye. None opposed. Motion carried. Board suggested two-sided signs be put up, especially near an access area, so signs are also visible from the water.

COOPERATIVE WEED MANAGEMENT AREA VOUCHER: Rice County hired Wildlife Consulting Services to remove buckthorn at the Cannon River Wilderness Area. Volunteer labor and Sentence-To-Serve labor was used as in-kind. Motion by Dick Huston, seconded by Bob Duban to approve the \$6,000.00 payment from the Cooperative Weed Management Area Grant to Rice County in care of Joe McGough for buckthorn removal at the Cannon River Wilderness Area. Ayes: Borchert, Duban, Hildebrandt, Huston and Wagenbach. All Aye. None opposed. Motion carried.

DITCH INSPECTIONS: An official complaint was filed at the Department of Ag regarding spraying the ditches and blue bird habitat. No violation from the helicopter spray was found. Two agencies will meet to discuss the Migratory Bird Act. Discussion followed. Duane Turek was hired to finish tree removal on Ditch #9.

SUPERVISOR REPORTS: Dick Huston seeded more prairie with no-till drill and felt Adam did a great job with the drill. Gary Wagenbach said the CRWP annual meeting and 20th Anniversary Picnic will be July 12 at Alexander Park in Faribault at Shelter #4 from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM. He attended the Zumbro Valley Watershed Field Trip covering three counties and felt it was run very well with great speakers. Wally Hildebrandt said Hiawatha Valley RC&D may work with Three Rivers on a value added project. Hiawatha RC&D tour will cover PickWick Mills in Winona and Lonnie Dietz's Organic Vegetables grown using geothermal. Shawn White from NRCS did a video interview with Wally today for the 75th Anniversary of NRCS. State RC&D meeting in August will be in Warroad. Bob Borchert encouraged supervisors to attend the June 30th Resolutions Meeting from 12:00 – 3:00 PM at the American Legion in Dodge Center. State Finance Committee granted two SWCDs in SE Area 7 deferred payment requests for dues because of financial hardships.

D.C. REPORT by Tom Coffman:

1. **EQIP 2010-** We received more funding since last meeting bringing the total contracts to 25, encumbering \$399,000.
2. **CSP 2010 –** Sign-up deadline has been extended to June 25. Signup is slow with just a handful of signups as of today.
3. **Farm Bill –** Compliance reviews were completed with producers on 17 tracts. No violations were found.
4. **WRP –** We have completed the legal land survey for the Rosckes WRP/RIM application in Wheatland Township. Once the map has been received from Bolton & Menk, we can begin developing a conservation plan to determine acres of upland seeding.

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT: Not received.

DISTRICT PROGRAM MANAGER'S REPORT:

- ✿ Observation well reading taken and recorded.
- ✿ Reviewed applications and attended monthly plat review meeting at Planning and Zoning.
- ✿ Continued with CREP, RIM, and RIM/WRP easement activities.
- ✿ Took some vacation time off.
- ✿ WCA Activities:
 - Reviewed and approved a wetland delineation at Lyndale Commons in Faribault.
 - Met with Walcott Twp officials to view a proposed culvert lowering that would affect a wetland.

- Reviewed a wetland banking application at the Circle Lake Development. Held a Technical Evaluation Panel meeting to review.
- Held a Technical Evaluation Panel meeting to review the proposed wetland impacts at the Faribault Airport.
- Lots of miscellaneous. WCA field reviews including pond excavations, driveways, tiling, etc.
- Answered lots of questions on the new Rural Preserves property tax program that we will be doing conservation plans on.

NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT SPECIALIST'S REPORT:

- Wendland feedlot project- plan, survey, design.
- Greenvale school presentations.
- Delivered and set up drill to: Flynn, Hoover, Dietz, Kermott, Driscoll, Hildebrandt, Houston, and Neisen.
- Pete Cepelcha feedlot evaluation.
- Cleaned conservation building.
- Denise Devito feedlot evaluation.

Nutrient Plans Started, Revised, or Completed Last Month:

- Paul Liebenstein- Rice
- Lawrence Chappuis- Rice
- Pete Cepelcha- Rice
- Tim Donkers (NPDES plan)- Goodhue
- Terry Schwichtenberg- Rice
- Jeff Johnson- Rice
- Chad Quast- Rice
- Pete Hope- Rice

Ditch Services:

- 5/3 CD9 ditch meeting, clearing up issues with contractor. 2hrs
- 5/5 Check dam on Phelps Lake in association with CD 25. 1hr
- 5/12 going over CD9 project with new contractor Duane Turek. 1hr
- 5/20 Met Matt Feldman on CD9 project to get bid. 1 hr
- 5/25 Phone calls on CD9 project. 30 mins
- 5/26 Spray and seed ditch banks CD9. 1 hr
- 5/28 Spray ditches CD23- 1.5hr, JD6- 2 hrs, CD12- 2 hrs.

FARM BILL TECHNICIAN’S REPORT:

I have identified locations for CRP and have send out several proposals for CRP. I have been working with these landowners to answer any questions and have been contacting others for follow up. I have been working on completing mid-contract management modifications and completing plans.

I am working on completing the requirements for the CWMA. Right now the County STS and Wildlife Consulting Services are working on completing some of the buckthorn removal in the Cannon River Wilderness Area. We have received guidance for completing work plans for the new Clean Water Legacy grants. I will continue to work with Scott County to complete those requirements.

Accomplishments Include:

- Completed proposals for CRP
- Worked with landowners that are interested in CRP
- Participated in WLI Teleconference
- Assisted with 1st Grade Conservation Day
- Spoke at Greening Your Garden workshop
- Completed shoreline survey’s and plans
- Completed ditch buffer surveys
- Completed CWMA work plan

JPB REPORT: Reports were received from Pete Fryer and mailed to the board.

OTHER/CORRESPONDENCE: Newspaper editorials were written by Bob Borchert about supervisor elections which was published in the Northfield News and by Dick Huston in the Faribault Daily regarding clean water and shortages. League of Women Voters may ask supervisor candidates for answers to on-line questions.

ADJOURN: Chairman Robert Borchert adjourned the meeting at. 3:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

Debbie Skarupa – Admin. Assistant

Robert Duban – Board Secretary