



## Crow Wing Soil and Water Conservation District

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Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of Supervisors, April 14, 2008

Minutes of the Crow Wing Soil and Water Conservation District, Ag. Service Center, Baxter, MN 56425, for April 14, 2008

I. Meeting called to Order by Vice Chairman Albrecht at 9:02 a.m.

II. Roll Call

Members Present:

Robert Albrecht-Vice Chair  
Leonard Koering-Treasurer  
Diane Jacobson-Secretary

Members Absent:

Robert Becker- Chair  
Roger Waytashek-Reporter

Others present:

Keith Pohl-District Manager  
Jim Chamberlin-District Forester  
Carrie Maurer-Ackerman-Water Planner/Admin. Assistant

III. Secretary's Report

**There was a motion by Leonard Koering, seconded by Diane Jacobson, to approve the Secretary's Report.**

**Affirmative: RA, LK, DJ    Opposed: None**

**Motion carried.**

IV. Treasurer's Report

**There was a motion by Leonard Koering, seconded by Diane Jacobson, to approve the Treasurer's Report.**

**Affirmative: RA, LK, DJ    Opposed: None**

**Motion carried.**

V. Work Reports

District Manager Keith Pohl gave his work report. There were no questions.

District Forester Jim Chamberlin gave his work report. There were no questions.

Carrie Ackerman read the work report for District Technician Beth Hippert. There were no questions.

Water Planner/Administrative Assistant Carrie Ackerman gave her work report. There were no questions.

VI. Additions to the agenda

New Business: Annual Report, Weather Closure

**There was a motion by Leonard Koering, seconded by Diane Jacobson, to approve the agenda as amended.**

**Affirmative: RA, LK, DJ**

**Opposed: None**

**Motion carried.**

VII. Old Business

- a. WCA: Keith reported on one violation. A landowner cleared vegetation from a wetland and placed the vegetation in two piles in the wetland. The vegetation must be spread out or removed from the wetland so that it does not block the flow of water. A restoration order that will be issued by the DNR will be drafted. The completion deadline will be January 1, 2009.

Crow Wing County sent in the block grant agreement to BWSR.

- b. WesMin: Things are moving along.

- c. Water Plan: Clark Marshall from the Serpent Lake Association entered the meeting. Clark presented the Crosby-Cross Avenue Bio-retention Pond project. The purpose of the project is to improve the water quality on Serpent Lake by preventing direct stormwater run off from Crosby streets. This will be a joint project with the MN DNR, City of Crosby, Anderson Foundation, SWCD Extension and Crow Wing SWCD. The total project cost is expected to be over \$50,000 and Serpent Lake is requesting \$5,000 in water plan funds. They are also requesting that the Crow Wing SWCD be the fiscal agent for the project. They will pay the SWCD administrative costs for their time put into being the fiscal agent.

**There was a motion by Leonard Koering, seconded by Diane Jacobson, to authorize the Crow Wing SWCD to be the fiscal agent for the Crosby-Cross Avenue project.**

**Approved: BA, LK, DJ    Opposed: None    Motion Carried**

**There was a motion by Leonard Koering, seconded by Diane Jacobson, to approve funding for the project up to \$5,000 or 50% of the total cost, whichever is less, for the Crosby Cross Avenue Project.**

**Approved: BA, LK, DJ    Opposed: None    Motion Carried**

Clark Marshall leaves the meeting.

The following projects were recommended for approval at the April Water Plan Advisory Committee meeting and were discussed at the board meeting for final action. Nancy Hoeft project proposal on Serpent Lake. Nancy is requesting up to \$3000 to repair the shoreline on her property.

**There was a motion by Diane Jacobson, seconded by Leonard Koering, to approve up to \$3000 or 50% of the total cost of the project, whichever is less, for the Nancy Hoeft shoreland restoration project.**

**Approved: BA, LK, DJ    Opposed: None    Motion Carried**

Matt Prigge project proposal on Serpent Lake. Matt is requesting up to \$3000 for shoreline restoration on his property.

**There was a motion by Leonard Koering, seconded by Diane Jacobson, to approve up to \$3000 or 50% of the total cost of the project, whichever is less, for shoreline re-vegetation on Matt Prigge's property.**

**Approved: BA, LK, DJ    Opposed: None    Motion Carried**

Clean Water Team project proposal. The Lakes Clean Water Team is working on a plan to develop a website where pictures and information on local rain gardens and shoreland buffers can be showcased. The goal is to create 1,000 rain gardens in Crow Wing County and the website will help promote this and will provide information to others on how to create rain gardens.

**There was a motion by Leonard Koering, seconded by Diane Jacobson, to recommend approval of \$5000 for the Clean Water Team website. The board would like to see an update every six months until the project is complete.**

**Approved: BA, LK, DJ    Opposed: None    Motion Carried**

Project proposal for Fairveiw Office Park. They would like to create a bio-retention area in the center of the office park. Native and non-native plants will be planted so a comparison of the plants can be studied by the U of M Extension and the CLC Landscaping classes.

**There was a motion by Diane Jacobson, seconded by Leonard Koering, to approve up to \$5000 or 50% of the total cost of the project, whichever is less, for the bio-retention project at Fairview Office Park.**

**Approved: BA, LK, DJ    Opposed: None    Motion Carried**

Project proposal for Mission Lakes. Mission Lakes have worked with the DNR for the past three years on a pilot project to control Curly Leaf Pondweed. The lake association is asking for funding to help with the cost of monitoring the water quality on Mission Lakes to see if the water quality is improving with the treatment of the pondweed.

**There was a motion by Leonard Koering, seconded by Diane Jacobson, to approve \$500 for the water quality monitoring on Mission Lakes.**

**Approved: BA, LK, DJ    Opposed: None    Motion Carried**

Carrie presented two project proposals for water quality monitoring funding. Star Lake and Rice Lake would like to participate in the Crow Wing County water quality monitoring program. The cost of each lake to participate is \$425.

**There was a motion by Diane Jacobson, seconded by Leonard Koering, to approve \$425 for water monitoring on Rice Lake and Star Lake.**

**Approved: BA, LK, DJ    Opposed: None    Motion Carried**

The Crow Wing County Landowner's Guide to Lake Stewardship was discussed. One option discussed was to expand the guide so that it will provide information for shoreland and non-shoreland homeowners in the county. Pricing information was passed around and discussed. Carrie requested that \$5000 of water plans funds be used towards the cost of this guide.

**There was a motion by Diane Jacobson, seconded by Leonard Koering, to allocate \$5000 of water plan funds towards the Crow Wing County Landowner's Guide.**

**Approved: BA, LK, DJ    Opposed: None    Motion Carried**

Carrie will be holding two training sessions for surface water quality monitoring in May. The expenses of the training sessions will be between \$100-\$150.

**There was a motion by Leonard Koering, seconded by Diane Jacobson, to allocate up to \$150 of water plan funds to cover the cost of the training sessions.**

**Approved: BA, LK, DJ Opposed: None Motion Carried**

The 2008 Area VIII Envirothon will be held April 23 at Bemidji State Park. In the past the Water Plan Committee has donated \$300.00 to help sponsor this event.

**There was a motion by Leonard Koering, seconded by Diane Jacobson, to approve the donation of \$300.00 to the Area VIII Envirothon.**

**Approved: BA, LK, DJ Opposed: None Motion Carried**

There is approximately \$10,000 of water plan funding that will need to be spent by July 1, 2008. The water plan committee discussed that they would like to see all water plan funds spent on water quality projects. One option they discussed was to have the excess water plan funds put into a dedicated fund at Crow Wing County. The committee also discussed that any leftover water plan funds could be spent on the treatment of the Curly Leaf Pondweed for Mission Lakes. The WPAC made a motion recommending that the leftover water plan funds go to Mission Lakes for the treatment of Curly Leaf Pondweed.

The SWCD board discussed the project and stated that in the past, project proposals requesting funding to treat Curly Leaf Pondweed had been denied. The board would rather see the funding used on educational projects.

**There was a motion by Diane Jacobson, seconded by Leonard Koering, to deny the recommendation that the leftover water plan funds be used to treat Curly Leaf Pondweed on Mission Lakes.**

**Approved: BA, LK, DJ Opposed: None Motion Carried**

Carrie presented a water plan project proposal for the Parker Boy Scout Camp. They would like to do a shoreline restoration project and are requesting up to \$5000.

**There was a motion by Leonard Koering, seconded by Diane Jacobson, to approve up to \$5000 or 50% of the total project cost, whichever is less, of water plan funds to the Parker Boy Scout Camp.**

**Approved: BA, LK, DJ Opposed: None Motion Carried**

- d. NPDES: The MPCA will have two meetings to discuss how the new NPDES contact should be structured. One meeting will be April 21. The second meeting will be May 1.
- e. Soil Survey: Sending in some of the soil samples to the lab. Will be using the Soil Survey money from BWSR to pay for the shipping.
- f. Region Five: Asking for nomination for SWCD representative.  
Diane Jacobson nominated Bob Becker to be placed on the ballot if he would like to do it, otherwise Diane will run.
- g. Cost Share: No report

- h. ACUB: Keith has a meeting at Camp Ripley tomorrow. This is a biennial audit to see how the programs work and to see if there are ways to make it work better.
- i. Leadership training: The next session is in June.
- j. 2010 Annual Convention: Looking into Craguns, Breezy Point, and the Lodge
- k. Earth Day: The Earth Day Expo will be April 22, at the Westgate Mall.

VIII. New business

- a. 2008 Resolutions: Keith advised the board to start thinking about Resolutions for this year. This will be on the May agenda so that they can be acted on during the Area VIII meeting on June 5<sup>th</sup>.
- b. Summer Personnel: There was a discussion on keeping Sheila Reem on for the summer.

**There was a motion by Diane Jacobson, seconded by Leonard Koering, to have Sheila Reem work at least 2 days a week and more if needed during the summer. Approved: BA, LK, DJ Opposed: None Motion Carried**

- c. Forestry Meeting: Bob, Diane and Jim gave an update on the Forestry meeting that they attended at Breezy point.
- d. Annual Report: The 2007 Annual Report was passed around and reviewed. BWSR is requiring these reports be posted on the SWCD's website.
- e. Weather Closure: The service center was closed on Friday, April 11 due to a winter storm.

**There was a motion by Leonard Koering, seconded by Diane Jacobson, to authorize the closure and authorize pay for the staff that were scheduled to work April 11 and authorize pay to Carrie for 2 hours due to a storm on Monday, April 7.**

**Approved: BA, LK, DJ Opposed: None Motion Carried**

IX. Correspondence

- JPB Report: Projects-Breezy Point and Irondale
- Letter from the Office of the State Auditor
- Platte River Watershed Letter

X. District Bills:

**There was a motion by Leonard Koering, seconded by Diane Jacobson, to pay the district bills.**

**Approved: BA, LK, DJ Opposed: None Motion Carried**

XI. Calendar:

May 20, 2008                      Regular Board Meeting                      9:00 a.m.

XII. Other Business to Come Before the Board: None

11:00 a.m. Meeting Adjourned.

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Diane Jacobson, Secretary