

GBERBA Policy Board/Technical Meeting Minutes

Friday, July 8, 2011

Red Rock Center for the Arts - Fairmont, MN

Present: Ronald Bay, Bill Berg, Drew Campbell, Steve Donnelly, Larry Hansen, Don Kropp, Clark Lingbeek, Harold Loeffler, Glen Mathiason, John Oeltjenbruns, Roger Ringkob, Darwin Roberts and Tom Warmka.

Others Present: Jerad Bach, David Bucklin, Wendy Chirpich, Kay Clark, Don Flatness, Brooke Hacker, Richard Hoffman, Jack Krech, Darlene Kukuczka, Linda Meschke, Brian Nyborg, Gordy Olson, Rich Perrine, Jack Potter, Jill Sackett, Lansing Shepard, Kathy Smith, Cathy Thiesse and Michele Wigern.

Chairman Clark Lingbeek called the meeting to order at 9:37 a.m.

Thank you to Rich and Kyle, Martin SWCD, for the flowers and plants decorating the Red Rock Center for the Arts. Linda Meschke gave an overview of the building history.

Introductions:

Agenda: Motion by Drew Campbell, second by Darwin Roberts to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried, all yes.

Meeting Minutes: Motion by John Oeltjenbruns, second by Steve Donnelly to approve the May 13, 2011 minutes as presented. Motion carried, all yes.

GBERBA Recognition: Recognition of County Commissioners and Soil and Water Supervisors who are still serving GBERBA and were on the original Policy Board in 2003. Commissioners: John Oeltjenbruns, Tom Warmka, Glen Mathiason, Steve Donnelly, Richard Androli and Dwayne Krenz; Soil and Water Supervisors: Harold Loeffler, Larry Hansen and Jurgen Peters.

Technical Meeting Brought to Order by Gordy Olson.

Discussion on the Cobb River Ditch Conservation Drainage Assessment. Conference call was completed between BWSR Staff, BARR Engineering, Freeborn County/SWCD and GBERBA staff. Freeborn County recommended to approve the completion of the project and pay BARR Engineering.

Motion by Dick Hoffman, second by Don Flatness to approve the final report on the Cobb River Ditch Conservation Drainage Assessment and pay BARR Engineering. Motion carried, all yes.

Funding Requests

Cost-Share Cancelation

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| Karen Lloyd | 22-03 | Rain Garden | \$3,128.00 |
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Motion by Jerad Bach, second by Dave Bucklin to approve the cancelation of the Lloyd project totaling \$3,128.00. Motion carried, all yes.

Cost-Share Encumbered

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| Keith Eustice | 81-04 | Sediment Basins | \$6,832.00 |
| Dave Henning | 81-05 | Rain Garden | \$3,590.00 |
| City of New Richland | 81-01A | Sediment Basin | \$2,040.00 |

Motion by Brian Nyborg, second by Jack Krech to approve the Eustice, Henning and City of New Richland projects for encumbrance contingent on the approval at the local Board meetings. Motion carried, all yes.

Reminder for all Counties and Districts to look over in-kind contributions for 319 grant.

Technical Meeting Adjourned

Financial Report

The Financial Report dated 5/1/11 to 6/30/11 was presented for the Board's review. Motion by Tom Warmka, second by Glen Mathiason to approve the financial report. Motion carried, all yes.

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2011 Budget

The 2011 Budget was presented for the Board's review.

Accounts Payable

The accounts payable were presented for the Board's review. Motion by Darwin Roberts, second by John Oeltjenbruns to approve the accounts payable totaling \$7,933.46. Motion carried, all yes.

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INFORMATION/ACTION

Overview Special Executive Meeting – Conference Call

Explained the cost-share contracts that were approved for encumbrance and final payment on June 30 during a Special Executive Committee Meeting (by conference call) due to the impending State Shutdown. GBERBA position contracts were also approved for the Nutrient Management Specialist, Urban Outreach Specialist, Cobb River Watershed Technician and the Conservation Agronomist. Bills were paid as of June 30, 2011 and the mileage rates were also increase as of July 1, 2011 to \$0.555/mile.

Cobb River Ditch – Draft Final Report

Motion by Glen Mathiason, second by Don Kropp to approve the payment of BARR Engineering the final payment of \$22,610.00 for completion of the Final Report on the Cobb River Ditch. Motion carried, all yes.

Conservation Marketplace of Minnesota Annual Meeting and Tour – Brooke Hacker

The CMM Annual Meeting will be held on July 27 at the City Center Hotel downtown Mankato starting at 8:00 a.m. A tour will be given in the morning with presentations in the afternoon. Free of charge, with sign-up through July 15.

This Perennial Land Presentation – Lansing Shepard

Staff Reports

Conservation Marketplace of Minnesota – Brooke Hacker

Attended a conference in Madison, WI on trading; GIS shoreland buffer mapping is taking place for Martin County; Distributed an registration extension for the CMM Annual Conference in Mankato.

Conservation Agronomist – Jill Sackett

Past Events: MN Cover Crop Decision Tool conference call; Webinar – Irrigation Scheduling; UM Connect – Using Biomass Efficiently to Make Hydrocarbon Fuels; Printed shoreland brochures; finished 3rd Crop Walk-n-Talk brochures; Articles for Mankato Regional Office newsletter; SROC Agronomy Field Tour; GBERBA Technical Meeting; Le Sueur County Wheat Day; Blue Earth County Wheat Day; Conservation Drainage Session; MAEAP- Professional Development and Tour.

Upcoming Events: KEYC Regional Update; 3rd Crop Walk-n-Talk – Elm Creek Riparian Plantings; Professional Development – Agro-ecosystem Analysis; Nutrient Management for Alfalfa-Corn Rotations; CMM Annual Meeting; Ag Professional Field School; Farmfest.

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Urban Outreach Specialist – Michele Wigern

Shepherd's Inn/Little Lambs – Stormwater Project is completed. Stormwater Smart Award to be presented in July will be covered in the Wells Mirror.

Residential Rain Gardens – 9 rain gardens completed.

Kiester Garden Club – Met with the club and reviewed stormwater reduction methods for homeowners; will be working on a master plan for the City of Kiester incorporating stormwater planters, rain gardens, community gardens and other stormwater projects.

Bricelyn Community Gardens – Met with members to discuss options for the area. Have ground and raised plots in place; will be doing a corner rain garden.

Stormwater Development – City of Blue Earth looking into a new housing area, going to present a no curb and gutter idea and talk about a native stormwater smart development.

Upcoming Events – SMPs Tour; Education Class (Fall); Jackson County fairgrounds; Faribault County Parks;

Courier Sentinel Paper – stormwater series; Faribault and Blue Earth County fairs.

Agency Reports

No agencies in attendance due to the State Shutdown.

The meeting was declared adjourned at 11:40 a.m. by Chairman, Clark Lingbeek.

Next Meeting Dates: Executive Meeting – August 12, 2011, 1:00 p.m.
Technical Meeting – August 24, 2011, 9:30 a.m.

Secretary's signature of approved minutes _____ Date _____