



Minutes of the **Board of Supervisors Regular Board Meeting** held October 19, 2015.

1. Meeting called to order by Vice Chair Behrens at 4:00 p.m.

Roll of Attendance

Supervisors present:

Others present:

Margaret Behrens	Joe Lochner, RCD Staff
Paul Gardner	Michael Schumann, RCD Staff
Mara Humphrey	Laura Triplett, RCD Staff
Carrie Wasley	Andrea Prichard, RCD Staff
Gwen Willems	Ann WhiteEagle, RCD Staff
	Ashley Bennett, RCD Staff

A. Approval of Agenda: **Motion by Supervisor Wasley and Supervisor Willems seconded** to approve the final agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Humphrey arrived at 4:02pm and assumed Chair.

B. Announcements: The Board was sent a list of upcoming meetings in the board packets. The obituary for former staff member and RCD Groundwater Specialist, Geoff Nash, was included in the board packet. Ann stated that she would let Board know when/if a memorial date was announced.

2. Staff / NRCS Reports: The staff updated the board on recent projects and activities. No report from NRCS.

3. Approval of Standing Reports:

A. Secretary's Report – Minutes of September 14, 2015

Motion by Supervisor Wasley and Supervisor Willems seconded to approve the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Treasury Report, 3rd Quarter, 2015

Motion by Supervisor Willems and Supervisor Behrens seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Action Items

A. Approval of September 2015 Supervisor & Staff Expense Claims:

Resolution 15-10-01. Supervisor Wasley moved and Supervisor Behrens seconded. Resolved, the Board approved the expense reports as submitted by Supervisors Behrens \$225, Gardner \$175, Humphrey \$75, Wasley \$125, Willems \$125 and staff member WhiteEagle \$96.46.

Voting in favor of the resolution: Behrens, Humphrey, Wasley, Gardner and Willems – Voting against: none – Abstaining: none

- B. Approval of the CWF Well Sealing Reimbursement and Administration Reimbursement: Ann explained that due to the overwhelming public response to the well sealing program, all of the funding for sealing wells had been encumbered. Staff has begun taking names for a waiting list and will apply for additional grant funding in 2016.

Resolution 15-10-02. Supervisor Wasley moved and Supervisor Behrens seconded.

Whereas, The MN BWSR has provided \$105,500 in FY2014 Clean Water Funds through the Sealing of Wells to Protect Ramsey County’s Drinking Water Grant to the RCD to provide cost share for landowners to seal unused wells;

Whereas, the BWSR cost-share shall not exceed 50% of the cost to seal a well, up to \$750 per well, whichever is less and 50% of the cost to administer the grant; and

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, the RCD Board approved reimbursement for the administration and expenses of the grant from April 15, 2014 – October 14, 2015 at 50% or \$12,562 and reimbursement to landowners in the following amounts:

Owner	Address	Receipt Rec'd	Reimburse
Constance Burda-Nicholson	4547 Birch Bend Lane, Vadnais Heights, MN 55127	1315.00	657.50
John Fenske	138 2nd Ave SE, New Brighton, MN 55112	1350.00	675.00
Deborah Fideldy	1708 Kennard Street, Maplewood, MN 55109	1530.00	750.00
John Gallagher	1259 Belmont Lane, Maplewood 55109	1379.00	689.50
Sheldon Gitis	2743 Matilda St, Roseville, MN 55113	1291.50	645.75
Ronald Hawkinson	413 Hawes Ave, Vadnais Heights, MN 55127	1052.50	526.25
Robert Hawley	390 Hawes Ave, Vadnais Heights, MN 55127	1471.00	735.50
Suzanne Kaiser	3184 Hafner Ct, Shoreview, MN 55126	1505.00	750.00
Stephen Kuhn*	1388 Summit Circle, West Saint Paul, MN 55118	1100.00	550.00
James Roehl	785 Kenwood Lane, Maplewood, MN 55117	1313.00	656.50
William Stophlet	3407 Lake Johanna Blvd, Arden Hills, MN 55112	1100.00	550.00
Robert Vitali	470 Allen Ave, Little Canada, MN 55117	1087.00	543.50
* Well location if different than reimbursement address			
Stephen Kuhn*	2827 Galtier St, Roseville, MN 55113		

Voting in favor of the resolution: Behrens, Humphrey, Wasley, Gardner and Willems – Voting against: none – Abstaining: none

- C. Encumbrance for FY14 Community Partners Cost Share Project: **Resolution 15-10-03.** Supervisor Behrens moved and Supervisor Wasley seconded. Resolved the Board approved the following:

Whereas, The MN BWSR has provided \$150,000 in FY2014 Clean Water Funds through the Community Partners Conservation Program Grant to the RCD for water quality projects installed on Faith Organizations, Schools, and Business properties;

Whereas, the BWSR cost-share shall not exceed 75% of the total construction cost; and

Whereas, the RCD Board of Supervisors designated, Joe Lochner, Ramsey Conservation District Staff as the technical representative for these projects.

Now therefore Be It Resolved, the RCD Board agrees to enter into BWSR cost-share agreements with the following:

Boys and Girls Club of the Twin Cities: Spokesperson Simon Sperl: 690 Jackson Street, St. Paul, MN 55130 for infiltration basins and educational signage.

Contract #CP 14-04, Conservation Practice 570; Total Project Cost: \$54,787.83; BWSR Cost Share for eligible components: 45.5%/\$24,924.01. Local Watershed (Capitol Region Watershed District) Cost Share for eligible components: 50.5%/\$27,124.43. Landowner Contribution:

5%/\$2,739.39. Technical and Administrative amount to be consistent with percentages outlined in grant work plan. The project must be started by May 1st, 2016 and completed by May 1st, 2017, unless otherwise amended by mutual consent and agreement by both parties.

Bang Brewing Company, LLC: Spokesperson Jay Boss Febo: 2320 Capp Rd, St. Paul, MN 55114 for infiltration basins and educational signage.

Contract #CP 14-05, Conservation Practice 570; Total Project Cost: \$17,863.19; BWSR Cost Share for eligible components: 36.13%/\$6,452.83. Local Watershed (Capitol Region Watershed District) Cost Share for eligible components: 36.13%/\$6,452.83. Landowner Contribution: 27.73%/\$4,957.54. Technical and Administrative amount to be consistent with percentages outlined in grant work plan. The project must be started by May 1, 2016 and completed by May 1, 2017, unless otherwise amended by mutual consent and agreement by both parties.

Voting in favor of the resolution: Behrens, Humphrey, Wasley, Gardner and Willems – Voting against: none – Abstaining: none

- D. FY16/17 Natural Resource Block Grant (NRBG): The RCD has received delegation from the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners for the administration and implementation of the NRBG since 1993. **Resolution 15-10-04** Supervisor Willems moved and Supervisor Behrens seconded. Resolved the Board authorized the staff to request delegation from Ramsey County and authorized the Chair to sign the FY16/17 BWSR NRBG grant agreement for a total of \$24,771 for 2016.

Voting in favor of the resolution: Behrens, Humphrey, Wasley, Gardner and Willems – Voting against: none – Abstaining: none

- E. State of the Waters Update: State of the Waters: Drinking Water in Ramsey County will be held on October 21, 2015 from 9:00am - 11:30am in the Marsden Room in the Ramsey County Public Works building. As of October 19, 2015, there are 53 registered to attend the event.

- F. FY16 Cooperative Weed Management Area Grant: **Resolution 15-10-05** Supervisor Wasley moved and Supervisor Behrens seconded. Resolved the board approved staff submitting an application for the FY16 Cooperative Weed Management Area Grant in the sum of \$15,000.

Voting in favor of the resolution: Behrens, Humphrey, Wasley, Gardner and Willems – Voting against: none – Abstaining: none

- G. Strategic Planning: Each SWCD in Minnesota has been allotted \$100,000/year for both FY2016 and FY2017. Supervisor Humphrey suggested moving the strategic planning workshop to November 30th to give the staff and board more time to plan for it. **Resolution 15-10-06** Supervisor Wasley moved and Supervisor Willems seconded. Resolved the board approved moving the November board meeting and strategic planning workshop to November 30, 2015.

Voting in favor of the resolution: Behrens, Humphrey, Wasley, Gardner and Willems – Voting against: none – Abstaining: none

- H. MASWCD Ballot: Ballots must be submitted to Ann by Friday October 23, 2015. This year's MASWCD convention will be held from December 6-8, 2015. Registration for the convention must be turned into Ann by November 16, 2015. **Resolution 15-10-07.** Supervisor Wasley moved and Supervisor Behrens seconded to approve special meeting per diem and expenses to attend the MASWCD for all who are available.

Voting in favor of the resolution: Behrens, Humphrey, Wasley, Gardner and Willems – Voting against: none – Abstaining: none

- I. Minnesota Agriculture Water Quality Program (MAWQCP): Ann explained that three metro SWCDs offered to be regional hosts for the implementation of the MAWQCP for Area IV, but the

Wright SWCD was now not sure whether they would be able host. Ann requested Board approval for the RCD to step in and host, if the Wright SWCD decides it cannot. **Resolution 15-10-08.** Supervisor Behrens moved and Supervisor Willems second. Resolved the Board approved signing a JPA with the Scott SWCD to administrator and provide technical support for the MAWQCP, if needed. Voting in favor of the resolution: Behrens, Humphrey, Wasley, Gardner and Willems – Voting against: none – Abstaining: none

5. Standing Committee Reports- The Board Reported on the committee meetings they attended.
 - A. Metro Conservation Districts- Supervisor Willems
 - B. Rice Creek Advisory Committee- Supervisor Gardner
 - C. Ramsey- Washington Metro Watershed District Citizen Advisory Committee and Board- Gardner
 - D. Capitol Region Watershed District Citizen Advisory Committee- Supervisor Willems, Supervisor Wasley
 - E. Ramsey County League of Local Governments- Supervisor Behrens
 - F. VLAWMO Tech and Advisory Committee- Supervisor Behrens
 - G. White Bear Lake CD Lake Level Committee – No Report
 - H. Metro MAWD – No Report
 - I. Other Meetings- No additional meetings

6. Next Regular Meeting Date/ Workshop – Monday, November 30, 2015 at a time TBD.

7. Adjournment: **Motion by Supervisor Wasley, Supervisor Behrens seconded** to adjourn at 5:28 pm.

These minutes are respectfully submitted by Ashley Bennett.