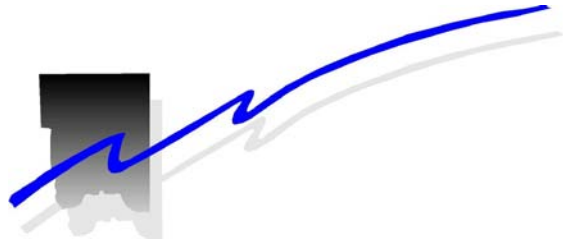


Ramsey Conservation District



1425 Paul Kirkwold Drive
Highway 96 & Hamline Avenue
Arden Hills, MN 55112
Telephone 651-266-7270
Fax 651-266-7276
www.ramseyconservation.org

Minutes of the **Board of Supervisors Regular Board Meeting** held June 11, 2010.

1. Meeting called to order by Chair Wasley at 9:00 a.m.

A. Roll of Attendance

Supervisors present:

Carrie Wasley – Chair
Nick Quade, absent with notice
Karen Eckman – Treasurer
Mara Humphrey – Vice-Chair
Margaret Behrens – Secretary/Information

Others present:

Tom Petersen, RCD Staff
Ann WhiteEagle, RCD Staff
Ryan Johnson, RCD Staff
Mike Goodnature, RCD Staff
Michelle Wohlers, NRCS

B. Review of Agenda: Action Items A. Perra Project, B. FY10 SSTS BWSR Base Grant, and D. Wellhead Protection were added to the agenda. **Supervisor Behrens moved and Supervisor Eckman seconded to approve the revised agenda. Motion carried unanimously.**

2. Staff Reports: The Board was sent a report detailing the major activities of staff members, prior to the meeting. Mr. Johnsons suggested that the shoreline restoration on Lake Johanna at Northwestern College in Roseville, would be a good site for the Board to visit. The 2010 project will restore approximately 1,600 lineal feet of shoreline. Supervisor Wasley suggested adding the site to the RCD Tour on August 5th. Supervisor Humphrey inquired as to when the last aquatic survey was done for Phalen Lake. **Board Action Step:** Mr. Goodnature will report when the last aquatic vegetation survey was completed for Phalen Lake. **Board Action Step:** Manager Petersen will include his report in the board packets mailed prior to the meeting, rather than emailing it to the Board.

3. A. Approval of Standing Reports

Secretary's Report – Minutes of Regular Board Meeting May 14, 2010: The Board discussed the "Action Steps" and requested that they be designated as "Board Action Steps" in future Minutes. **Motion by Supervisor Humphrey, Supervisor Behrens seconded to approve the Minutes of May 14, 2010. Motion carried unanimously.**

B. Treasury Report – No Report

4. Action Items

A. BWSR Native Buffer FY08/09 Cost Share Projects:

i. Dahlberg Project – McCarrons Lake: **Resolution 10-06-01.** Supervisor Behrens moved and Supervisor Humphrey seconded. The Board approved the following resolution:

Resolved the Board approved the following resolution: The MN BWSR has provided \$150,000 in FY09 Native Buffer Cost-Share funding to the RCD for the restoration of eroded shorelines on lakes within Ramsey County; and

Whereas, the BWSR cost-share shall not exceed 75% of the total construction cost and the RCD shall utilize 20% of the BWSR cost-share grant for technical and administrative costs incurred by the RCD staff; and

Whereas, the RCD Board of Supervisors designates, Ryan Johnson, 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:

1. Marlieke & Jeff Dahlberg at 410 North McCarrons Blvd, Roseville, MN 55113 for a shoreline restoration.
Contract # NB-FY09-15, Conservation Practice: 342, 580, 643 Total Project Cost: \$8,845.28; BWSR Cost Share of eligible components 50%/\$4,422.64; T&A Amount: 20%/\$1,105.66. The project must be started by 30-Jun-11 and finished by 31-Oct-11.

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

ii. Brighton Shores Project – Long Lake: **Resolution 10-06-02.** Supervisor Humphrey moved and Supervisor Eckman seconded. The Board approved the following resolution:
Resolved the Board approved the following resolution: The MN BWSR has provided \$55,000 in FY08 and \$150,000 in FY09 Native Buffer Cost-Share funding to the RCD for the restoration of eroded shorelines on lakes within Ramsey County; and

Whereas, the BWSR cost-share shall not exceed 75% of the total construction cost and the RCD shall utilize 20% of the BWSR cost-share grant for technical and administrative costs incurred by the RCD staff; and

Whereas, the RCD Board of Supervisors designates, Ryan Johnson, 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:

1. Brighton Shores Townhomes (c/o Mike and Barb Kitlinski) at 1136 Chelsea Court, New Brighton, MN 55112 for a shoreline restoration.
Contract # NB-FY09-14, Conservation Practice: 342, 580, 643 Total Project Cost: \$36,857.42; BWSR Cost Share of eligible components 50%/\$12,853.83 (NB-FY08 \$10,411.37, NB-FY09 \$2,442.46); T&A Amount: 20%/\$3,213.46 (NB-FY08 \$2,602.84, NB-FY09 \$610.62). The project must be started by 21-May-11 and finished by 21-Oct-11.

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

iii. Perra Project – Lake Owasso: **Resolution 10-06-03.** Supervisor Eckman moved and Supervisor Behrens seconded. The Board approved the following resolution:

Resolved the Board approved the following resolution: The MN BWSR has provided \$150,000 in FY09 Native Buffer Cost-Share funding to the RCD for the restoration of eroded shorelines on lakes within Ramsey County; and

Whereas, the BWSR cost-share shall not exceed 75% of the total construction cost and the RCD shall utilize 20% of the BWSR cost-share grant for technical and administrative costs incurred by the RCD staff; and

Whereas, the RCD Board of Supervisors designates, Ryan Johnson, 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:

1. Beth Perra at 3164 West Owasso Blvd, Roseville, MN 55113 for a shoreline restoration.

Contract # NB-FY09-16, Conservation Practice: 342, 580, 643 Total Project Cost: \$14,500.00; BWSR Cost Share of eligible components 50%/\$7,250.00; T&A Amount: 20%/\$1,812.50. The project must be started by 8-Jun-11 and finished by 31-Oct-11.

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

B. FY10 Metro WCA Enforcement Grant: **Resolution 10-06-04.** Supervisor Eckman moved and Supervisor Humphrey seconded. **Resolved the Board authorized the RCD Chair to sign the FY10 Metro WCA Enforcement Grant.**

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

FY10 MPCA Subsurface Sewage Treatment Systems (SSTS) Base Grant Program: Manager Petersen explained that the Ramsey County Public Health/Environmental Division would be receiving this grant for sewage treatment, but that the funds would be passed through the RCD and requested that the RCD Chair sign the grant. Supervisor Wasley requested that the Board receive documentation before voting on Action Items. **Board Action Step:** Manager Petersen will email the RCD Board copies of the documentation supporting this request. **Resolution 10-06-05. Supervisor Eckman moved and Supervisor Humphrey seconded. Resolved the Board authorized the RCD Chair to sign the FY10 MPCA Subsurface Sewage Treatment Systems (SSTS) Base Grant.**

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

C. Friends of the Parks Membership: The Board was sent the RCD membership history for the Friends of the Parks, whose work enhances the parks and trails in St. Paul and Ramsey County. **Resolution 10-06-06.** Supervisor Behrens moved and Supervisor Eckman seconded. **Resolved the Board approved payment of \$100, as a “Special Friend” for membership to the Friends of the Parks.**

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

D. Wellhead Protection: Manager Petersen explained the definition of a “conservation easement” and the possibility of discussing this with the Metro Conservation District. **Board Action Step:** Supervisor Eckman and Manager Petersen will see that this issue is placed on the July MCD meeting agenda. **Resolution 10-06-07.** Supervisor Eckman moved and Supervisor Humphrey seconded. **Resolved the Board approved proposing that the Metro Conservation District discuss conservation easements for wellhead protection at one of their next meetings.**

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

5. Standing Committee Reports

A. Metro Conservation District/MASWCD Area IV – Eckman/Wasley

Supervisor Eckman and Manager Petersen updated the Board on the Area IV Tour on the previous day. The Tour highlighted successful conservation projects completed by the Chisago SWCD. The Board was informed that the RCD resolution passed unanimously with a minor amendment dropping the statement relating to the State FY12/13 budget.

B. Rice Creek Advisory Committee – Quade

C. Watershed Advisory Commission (RWMWD Advisory Committee) – Wasley/Behren
Supervisor Wasley attended the last meeting and found it informative.

D. Capitol Region Watershed District Citizen Advisory Committee – Eckman/Quade
Supervisor Eckman stated that the CRWD had a Tour of some of their conservation projects.

E. Legislative Committee – Committee of the whole

Manager Petersen informed the Board that the MASWCD lobbyist Judy Erickson, has announced that she will be retiring.

F. RCCLG – Behrens/Humphrey

G. Strategic Planning Update – Staff & Board

Supervisor Eckman handed out a draft of the 2010 Comprehensive Plan that she completed following the Strategic Planning completed by the staff and Board. She also suggested that a “soil survey” be part of the plan along with a wellhead GIS map. **Board Action Step:** The Board and staff will review and comment on the draft Comp Plan and email the comments to Supervisor Eckman by the end of the day on Tuesday, June 15th.

6. Natural Resource Conservation Service Report (NRCS): Michelle Wohlers (NRCS Conservationist) reported that the NRCS was celebrating their 75th anniversary. She also stated that Don Baloun is the new State Conservationist and he has been visiting all the Minnesota SWCD/NRCS offices. She also suggested that if the District knew of anyone interested in a “high tunnel” for agricultural production, that the District should notify her about this. **Board Action Step:** Manager Petersen will contact Seitu Jones on this issue.

Supervisor Eckman related how hard it was to purchase “native plants” without traveling out of the metro. Mr. Johnson mentioned that Metro Blooms and Blue Thumb both have events to highlight native plants. Supervisor Eckman stated that she would contact Dawn Pape at Blue Thumb. **Board Action Step:** Manager Petersen will seek information on the feasibility of the RCD sponsoring a “vendors” event/sale at the Ramsey County Public Works campus and report his findings to the RCD Board.

7. Next Regular Meeting Date – Friday, July 9, 2010 at 9:00a.m.

8. Adjournment: Chair Wasley adjourned the meeting at 11:10am

These minutes are respectfully submitted by
Ann WhiteEagle
Office Manager