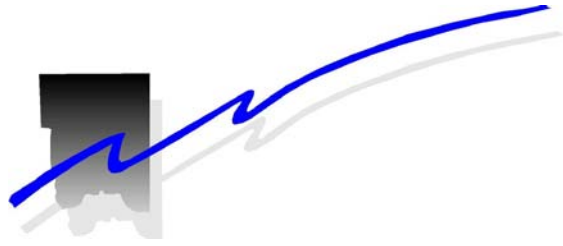


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Minutes of the **Board of Supervisors Regular Board Meeting** held May 17, 2011.

1. Meeting called to order by Chair Wasley at 3:00 p.m.

A. Roll of Attendance

Supervisors present:

Carrie Wasley
Mara Humphrey
Margaret Behrens
Gwen Willems
Janelle Anderson

Others present:

Melissa Lewis, BWSR Board Conservationist
Mike Goodnature, RCD Staff
Ann WhiteEagle, RCD Staff

B. Review of Agenda: Ann requested adding Action Item I. Other, to discuss upcoming meetings and seek approval on a nomination submission. **Supervisor Humphrey moved and Supervisor Willems seconded** to approve the agenda as revised. Motion carried unanimously.

2. A. Approval of Standing Reports

Secretary's Report – **Motion by Supervisor Humphrey, Supervisor Willems seconded** to approve the minutes of April 12, 2011. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Treasury Report – **Motion by Supervisor Anderson, Supervisor Behrens seconded** to approve the detailed 1st quarter 2011 Treasury Report. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Legislative Update: Melissa Lewis, Board Conservationist with BWSR, was present to update the Board and staff on recent legislative activity. She detailed some of the proposed reductions from the Conference Committee report on the Omnibus Finance bill from the May 13th meeting, which proposed a 26% overall cut to BWSR, resulting in conservation funding reductions that could challenge the readiness of the delivery system to respond to disasters, slow progress to the goals of the Legacy Amendment, and compromise the effectiveness of the current state program efforts. The cuts would also affect the state's Soil and Water Conservation Districts, calling for a 14% reduction in the SWCD General Services funding, among other reductions.

4. Action Items

A. PR/Outreach and Education: Supervisor Behrens asked the staff for feedback on the article she submitted to the local papers recently regarding the Well Sealing Program. Mike replied that he had received a good response from the article and planned to submit the article to additional newspapers in the coming week. Ann commented that the RCD was now on Twitter and would send the link to the Board.

B. Approval of Well Sealing Cost Share Grant Applicants: Well sealing cost share funding was awarded to the RCD as a CWF grant provided by BWSR. \$238,625.00 in funding is provided through BWSR and landowner matches. Below is a request for approval for the following total expenditures to provide the listed applicants with 50% cost share not to exceed \$750.00 to assist in the cost of sealing their wells. **Resolution 11-05-01.** Supervisor Humphrey moved and Supervisor Behrens seconded. Resolved the Board approved encumbering the following well sealing applications:

Contract #	Applicant	Address	Start Date	End Date	Tech Representative	Cost Share Amount
WS1	Shannon Timm Basset	1924 6th St White Bear Lake, MN 55110	5/18/2011	8/17/2011	Michael Goodnature	\$750.00
WS2	Jerry Auge	3704 Centerville Road, Vadnais Heights, MN 55127	5/18/2011	8/17/2011	Michael Goodnature	\$750.00
WS3	Gary Thaler	4039 Gisella Blvd, White Bear Lake, MN 55110	5/18/2011	8/17/2011	Michael Goodnature	\$750.00
WS4	Reginald Meissner	1955 Price Ave E, Maplewood, MN 55109	5/18/2011	8/17/2011	Michael Goodnature	\$750.00
WS5	Gregory Jones	1691 Crystal Ave, Arden Hills, MN 55112	5/18/2011	8/17/2011	Michael Goodnature	\$750.00
Total:						\$3,000.00

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

C. Native Buffer 2010 Encumbrance: Ann explained that the project was delayed and requested moving the encumbrance to the June agenda for approval.

D. Williams Pond Amendment: The original approved cost-share amount of \$25,000 shall be amended to \$37,500 (increase of \$12,500). The RCD originally intended to contribute 50% of the project cost based on the original estimates and the project cost increased with the addition of the iron enhanced sand filter bench. The additional funding will increase the RCD's contribution to 57%.

Resolution 11-05-02. Supervisor Behrens moved and Supervisor Willems seconded. Resolved the Board approved the following amendment: Contract: MCD1, Amendment: MCD1A, the contract is hereby amended to \$37,500 and 57% RCD contribution for the Williams Pond Project.

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

E. GreenCorp Application Approval: **Resolution 11-05-03.** Supervisor Behrens moved and Supervisor Anderson seconded. Resolved the Board approved the RCD application submission for a GreenCorp member to work with the RCD for the 2011/2012 school year.

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

F. Friends of the Parks: **Resolution 11-05-04.** Supervisor Behrens moved and Supervisor Willems seconded. Resolved the Board approved payment of \$100 for membership to the Friends of the Parks.

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

G. MDA Water Testing Clinic: Ann explained that the MN Department of Agriculture contacted the RCD to request a water testing clinic to test nitrate levels in wells in Ramsey County. **Resolution 11-05-05.** Supervisor Behrens moved and Supervisor Humphrey seconded. Resolved the Board approved the RCD staff hosting a water testing clinic this summer at the RCD office.

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

H. Update on County Manager Meeting: The RCD staff and Supervisors Humphrey and Willems attended the meeting with Ramsey County Manager Julie Kleinschmidt, along with other county staff to discuss the 2012-2013 budget plans. Both Supervisors commented that it was a positive exchange, though the county is faced with challenging budget decisions.

I. Other: Ann requested Board approval for completing a nomination for the Minnesota Waters. **Resolution 11-05-06.** Supervisor Willems moved and Supervisor Humphrey seconded. Resolved the Board approved nominating the Lake McCarrons Neighborhood Association for the 2011 Minnesota Waters Lake Association of the Year Award.

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

A concerned citizen presented material concerning possible contamination of a wetland in Maplewood. Mike will follow-up by contacting the MPCA.

5. Staff Reports: The Board was sent a written report, prior to the meeting, on the staff activities since the last board meeting.

6. Standing Committee Reports – The Board reported on the committee meetings they attended.

- A. Metro Conservation District (MCD) – Wasley
- B. Rice Creek Advisory Committee – Anderson
- C. Watershed Advisory Commission (RWMWD Advisory Committee) – Humphrey
- D. Capitol Region Watershed District Citizen Advisory Committee – Willems
- E. RCCLG – Behrens
- F. VLAWMO – Behrens

7. Next Regular Meeting Date – Monday, June 13, 2011 at 3:00pm.

8. Adjournment: Chair Wasley adjourned the meeting at 4:30pm.

These minutes are respectfully submitted by
Ann WhiteEagle