

## Belle Creek Watershed District

The Belle Creek Watershed District met on December 6<sup>th</sup> 2012 in the Goodhue County SWCD District Office at 4:30 PM. Members present were L. Kylo, J. Hedeem, B. Anderson, advisors B. Kennedy, T. Steger. and guest B. Waugh. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kylo. The secretary's and treasure's reports were read and accepted. Bills were accepted as presented for work done on structures for repair and vegetation control.

A letter was received for a lien on the Melhouse property by the Scheffler structure. The board reviewed the letter and found no reason not to forgive the lien which appeared to be during construction. J. Hedeem moved to forgive the lien with B, Anderson seconding the motion and all voting in favor.

Tasks completed since the August meeting were reviewed, road repair to Scheffler structure, clean up at Duncan structure, vegetation control Otterness and Scheffler structures, vegetation control at Lindell structure, and damage assessment on Duncan structure. E. Gullickson will trap beavers on the Scheffler structure to prevent further water backup issues. Zumbro Valley may work on the removal of debris on the Lindell inlet.

Scott Johnson inquired about reimbursement for work done upstream of the structure by Co. Rd. 8 on his property. The work involved cleaning and drainage work on the waterway and reseeding the waterway. The board discussed the request and cited while it may improve the structure function it was not direct work to the structure and should be cost shared through a soil conservation project. Scott should have worked through the soil conservation office prior to the work. J. Hedeem moved to deny the request. B. Anderson seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

The board discussed the possibility to check sediment levels in the structures and will work on getting prices for the work to do it. The five year plan was reviewed and discussed with work to continue following the plan outline this year.

B. Waugh was present to discuss grazing on the Otterness structure and the benefit from controlling the vegetation through vegetation. The board discussed the ongoing cost of control of vegetation and the one time cost to help fund the fencing of the structure with the long term benefit of grazing far outweighing the long term cost to control the vegetation with mechanical removal and spray. J. Hedeem moved to fund the fence installation up to \$1500 on the structure. The motion was seconded by B. Anderson and all voted in favor.

Bob and Marcie Matthews were present to voice concern about the water levels on the Scheffler structure as it backs up on there property when the beavers plug the outlet. They like having the beavers present in the structure but want it controlled as far as the water level... The board discussed the need to control the beaver population as it is expensive and dangerous to constantly remove the beaver sticks and mud from the outlet on the structure. With no further business the meeting was adjourned  
B. Anderson