

## **Belle Creek Watershed District**

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### **Belle Creek Watershed Meeting**

**August 31, 2016**

**1 PM at the SWCD Office**

The Belle Creek Watershed District officers met on August 31, 2016 at 1 PM at the GCWD office in Goodhue. Members present were Chairman Les Kylo, Treas. Jim Hedeem , Sec. Steve McNamara and Beau Kennedy.

Chairman Kylo called the meeting to order.

Sec. and Treas. Reports were given and approved as read. Treas. Hedeem reported we have received our first half levy of 11,348.00 from Goodhue Co.

There was a short discussion on the unofficial Vangsness-Otterness dam that the beavers have plugged. The outlet pipe is still plugged and water is still running over the spillway. Beau reported the Soil and Water office is going to send Otterness a letter stating something has to be done to get the problem resolved.

Beau has finished taking the depth readings at Lake Willard. Will try to get a depth map made up before our next meeting in December.

Bruce Waugh is still trying to get the fencing-grazing project started at the Otterness structure. The newest plan is to put the fence across below the Rolph Otterness property, so a new cattle crossing has to be located. Also at the Otterness structure there is a discrepancy as to where the Watershed property lines are . Treas. Hedeem recommended we have a survey done to get them accurately marked in case we have to put up a new fence for the grazing project. That recommendation was sec. by Chairman Kylo . Richard Otterness mentioned to Steve that the underground oil pipeline that crosses the stream just above the structure has about 20 feet of exposed pipe and the stream runs underneath the pipe. Beau will find out which oil company it is and send them a letter to get it fixed.



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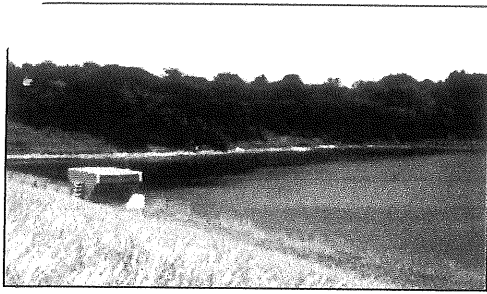
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Beau has the 2015 Belle Creek Watershed Annual Report finished, signed by our chairman and submitted to the Board of Water and Soil Resources . He also has the resolution to support Cannon River Watershed-One Watershed, One Plan-project finished.

Some discussion on the levy. Treas. Hedeem recommended we could leave the levy the same as last year. We didn't have any major expenses this year and the insurances have already been paid. Motion by Treas. Hedeem seconded by sec McNamara to leave the levy at \$ 22,000.00. Motion carried.

Next meeting in December.

Meeting adjourned, Steve McNamara, secretary



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### **Belle Creek Watershed Meeting**

**May 19, 2016**

**1 PM at the Otterness Dam**

The Belle Creek Watershed District officers met on May 19 at 1 PM at the Otterness dam. Members present were Chairman Les Kylo and Sec. Steve McNamara. Also present were Beau Kennedy and Brad Anderson for part of the meeting. Jim Hedeem was absent.

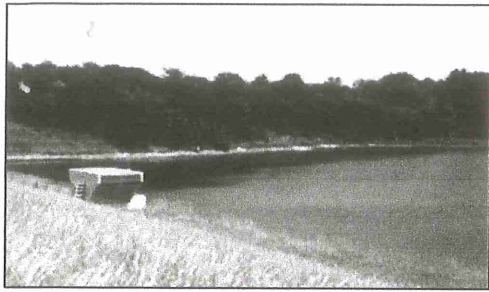
Chairman Kylo called the meeting to order.

Beau reported the easement for the McNamara structure is done and the county is working on the Hokanson easement. He spoke to Dan Ryan during the winter about crossing the water run. Dan preferred in a low ford crossing. Dan also wished to vacate the old easement. Regarding the Hokanson structure the NRCS is currently working on a grazing plan to accommodate more cattle and eliminate overgrazing. A letter from the BCWD to Chris to support the grazing plan and to continue to allow grazing may be helpful. Also some discussion on realigning paddocks with the property line. No action taken.

There is a new owner at the Duncan structure site. Beau will contact them and discuss how the Watershed rules and policies work.

This past winter Beau took some depth readings walking on the ice at Lake Willard. This summer he hopes to finish around the edges. When finished he will compile a depth map to show how much silt has accumulated.

The concrete-grout will be installed at the McNamara structure this summer as soon as the engineer from Rochester can come and oversee it.



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Steve will continue to work on mowing and tree removal at Otterness and Scheffler structures. Trees have been removed by the outlet at Otterness.

Beau has finished our part of the sign program to be installed at the kiosk on the Cannon Valley Trail.

Beau recommended we draw up a resolution or letter to support the Cannon River Watershed Plan. He will draw up a document and have it signed by us and pass it on to the Cannon River Watershed Partnership.

Next meeting late August.

Meeting adjourned, Steve McNamara – sec.

After meeting Beau took us on a tour of another structure that is not officially part of our watershed system. It is what is known as the Vangness-Otterness dam and the beavers have plugged the outlet pipe and the water is running over the spillway