

Belle Creek Watershed District

The Belle Creek Watershed Board met on September 3, 2014 with the meeting being held during a field inspection of three watershed district structures. Members present were L. Kylo, J. Hedeem, B. Anderson and B. Kennedy from Goodhue County Soil and Water staff.

We met first at the Otterness structure to view vegetation controls needed. We continued to the Lindell structure to view soil erosion on the outlet cement abutment where the pipe connects to the abutment. Lastly we viewed the Duncan structure where repairs had been made to the inlet on the structure.

We held the meeting at the Duncan structure. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kylo. The secretary's and treasurers reports were read and approved.

Discussion was held on the vegetation controls need on the structures focusing on the Otterness structure first. B. Anderson moved to spend up to \$3500 on vegetation control on a yearly basis to control vegetation on the structures where need by cutting and spraying as needed. The motion was seconded by J. Hedeem and all voted in favor. B. Kennedy will contact Zumbrota Valley Forestry for controlling vegetation this year and try to get on a yearly schedule for cutting and or spraying the structures that need vegetating control.

Discussion was held on the repair needed to the Lindell structure and B. Kennedy was going to contact NRCS in Rochester MN to have a technician look at the issue at the site and get recommendations on a repair method. Further action will follow the site inspection from NRCS and if time allow repair would e made this fall.

Discussion was held on the need to fill in the space between the outlet pipe and the support saddle on the McNamara structure as mentioned in the report from the inspection by NRCS last year. B. Kennedy will contact a cement contractor to get an estimate to fill the space with cement.

The Duncan structure looked good after the repair made earlier this summer except the structure newly seeded area needs to be cut to allow better grass cover to become established and possibly reseed some areas to get an established grass stand.

The members discussed the fund balances and what level the levy should be set at. The insurance amount on a yearly basis is approximately \$ 7700 per year leaving \$12300 for structure maintenance and administrative costs. The board felt a levy of \$20000 would be adequate amount until we have larger structure maintenance projects to undertake. J. Hedeem moved to set the levy at \$20000 for the next year. B. Anderson seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Brad Anderson

