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MINUTES OF APRIL 14, 2009 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

MEMBERS PRESENT: Paul Hoppe, Wayne Anderson, Kevin Belkholm, Tom Demarais

MEMBERS ABSENT: Karen Longerbone

OTHERS PRESENT: Kelly Osterdyk, Jan Anderson, Steve Haar, Kevin Daw, NRCS: Jason Weinerman, BWSR; Hrubes, BWSR; Chris Klucus, MPCA

Chairman Hoppe called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m.

M/S/C Anderson, Demarais to make following clarification to motion regarding lost staff wages from March 10 meeting: staff would receive 1 hour comp time for each hour worked in excess of 74 hours up to 80 hours per pay period. **M/S/C** Belkholm, Anderson to accept minutes of March 10, 2009 meeting as amended.

Kevin Daw, Area Conservationist was present to advise board on Steve's replacement after he retires in June. He mentioned that the position is being advertised and hope to have a person in place possibly in July.

A Power Point Presentation was then given on the TMDL study by Jeff Hrubes; with input from Chris Klucus, and Jason Weinerman.

MASWCD hardship dues request – we received a letter back from the Association regarding our dues hardship request. MA would accept a payment plan of \$250 on June 30; and also \$250 on October 15. No action taken at this time; will see how our budget looks at that time.

Discussed TSA Joint Powers agreement that IMPACK will enter into with the NE TSA. We received comments back from the Kanabec County Attorney's office. Wayne recommended approval of the Attorney's comments and that they be forwarded to the Area III TSA group to be included in the new JP agreement. The next Joint TSA meeting will be May 27 in Duluth.

Conservation farm – real estate taxes of \$332.00 will be due in full by May 15, a discussion was held on whether the funds were available at this time in the budget. **M/S/C** Belkholm, Anderson to bill Dean Heikes, who rents some of the fields; ½ now and ½ in the fall. The total annual rent is \$555.

M/S/C Anderson, Demarais to accept the financial report for March 2009 and pay the vouchers.

Cost-share project update; discussed projects that are ready for construction and also potential projects.

MASWCD Call for resolutions – discussed upcoming Area III Resolution meeting to be held June 5 in Carlton.

Committee Reports: IMPACK was covered earlier. RC&D last meeting was held in Aitkin; Wayne was not able to attend. SRWMB CAC – Paul attended, the board approved projects for cost-share.

D.C. Report: Steve discussed and handed out information on the Freedom of Information Act – The Privacy Act, Section 1619 of the Farm Bill. No decision by the board was made. **M/S/C** Demarais, Belkholm to send to county attorney for review & comment.

Building lease – computer & rent will now be billed by NRCS prior to rental year. We will receive a bill in the near future for 2009 rent and for 2010 rent shortly after the first of the year.

Chris Klucus handed out brochures/invitations to the St. Croix Basin TMDL program workshop. April 21 is the informational Public Meeting at the Kanabec Courthouse on the Ann River TMDL project . Another project starting is on the Grindstone River, part of watershed is in Kanabec County.

Monitoring grants – Snake River Watershed grants available to be applied for, Snake River TMDL Projects to begin in 2010.

D.M. Report: Kelly mentioned the April 21 TMDL Ann River stakeholders meeting.

Kevin Belkholm asked that the DNR groundwater monitoring well on his property be capped. The pipe is bent and damaged. Jan will contact DNR regarding the request.

Next meeting scheduled for May 12.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

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