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**MINUTES OF APRIL 13, 2010 REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Kelly Osterdyk, Jan Anderson, Shannon Rasinski, Greg Nikodym, Kanabec County Highway Dept.

Vice-Chairman Demarais called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

**M/S/C** Anderson, Longerbone to approve the Minutes for the March 16, 2010 board meeting.

Greg Nikodym, Kanabec County Engineer then handed out information about County Ditches. Information will soon be available on the county website for the public. A GIS system is being developed for the county which will include soils, watershed, sub-watersheds, etc. Hope to have it completed this summer. He also handed out copies of the Kanabec County Drainage System Management Policy that will be adopted by the Kanabec County Board on May 12, 2010.

**M/S/C** Demarais, Anderson to approve Financial Report for March and pay the vouchers. The FY 2009 Financial Closeout will be completed and sent to BWSR by April 15, 2010.

Jan reported the trees are coming the last week of April, volunteers always needed.

TMDL and grants update – Kelly gave handed out information about the grants & contracts we are currently involved with. The due date for Ann River TMDL contract work from consultants is May 4<sup>th</sup>. Bid requests went to three consultants.

We received a response back from MASWCD to our hardship dues payment request. We were granted a \$500 hardship for 2010 dues; no action taken.

D.C. Report: Shannon was ill and not able to attend meeting. She had provided a written report about work and training that she & Donna have been involved with. SWCD, FSA & NRCS are installing a "People's Garden at the USDA Center, also reported that FSA will be relocating staff to Mora and will remodel the present conference room; the present conference room will be relocated to the old Extension space.

NRCS letter of appreciation – Kelly suggested sending a letter of appreciation to NRCS for all the support they provide the District. The Chairman will sign it and it will be forwarded to the State Office

through Shannon Rasinski the District Conservationist. Hope to have it to the State Office in time for their 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary Open House on April 28 in St. Paul.

Plat Book: Jan reported that the 2009 plat books are gone except for a few at the Recorder's Office. She solicited bids from printing companies; is waiting for another company to submit a quote. Board tabled until the May board meeting.

Supervisor District number 4 position is up for election this year – Karen Longerbone's district. She reported that she will not be filing again. This district includes the townships of Knife Lake, White, Comfort and the City of Quamba.

Information on the Call for Resolutions from MASWCD was handed out. The Area III Resolution meeting will be June 4 in Carlton.

Cost-Share: **Motion** Anderson; **seconded** by Demarais, **approved** for forest conifer & shrub plant diversity, wildlife habitat & soil erosion control funds for Paul Klemmer, of up to 75% - \$554.25, total cost of project estimate - \$739, contract #FY 09-04 technical approval – Kelly Osterdyk. Curt Norgaard – forest conifer planting to improve forest plant diversity, wildlife habitat & soil erosion control, cost estimate of \$337.03. **Motion** Belkholm, **seconded** by Longerbone, **approved** up to 75% at a maximum cost of \$252.77, contract #FY09-05, technical approval – Kelly Osterdyk. Brunswick Township – streambank stabilization/erosion control along Groundhouse River; **Moved** by Anderson, **seconded** by Belkholm; **approved** \$7,000 of total estimated cost of \$15,400; contract #FY09-06, technical approval – Nichole Sternquist. Will request balance of cost from SRWMB.

**M/S/C** Demarais, Longerbone seconded to approve purchase for up to \$200 for a new 19" computer monitor for computer that NRCS is providing.

Rural Preserve Tax Program (formerly Green Acres) deadline to sign up has been extended to August 16, 2010.

Committee Reports:

Wayne will attend SRWMB meeting for Paul.

TSA III meeting Tom & Kelly attended the meeting in Duluth. Kelly reported that BWSR funding will be reduced for FY 2012 for the TSA. TSA III recently made revisions to Personnel Policies.

It was mentioned that the county surveyor is putting in section corners. Walk in the Woods event to be held May 20 in Isanti County. Envirothon event – volunteers needed May 3. The conservation St. Croix group is submitting an application for funding to the LCMR.

Next meeting scheduled for May 11.

**M/S/C** Anderson, Belkholm to adjourn at 6:46 p.m.

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