



KANABEC SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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MINUTES OF APRIL 12, 2011 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Kelly Osterdyk

Chairman Anderson called the meeting to order at 3:08 PM.

Minutes - Motion by Hoppe, seconded by Demarais, to approve the March 8, 2011 minutes, motion carried.

Financial Report - Motion by Demarais, seconded by Belkholm, to approve the March 2011 financial report. Motion carried.

Motion by Hoppe, seconded by Demarais, to approve the vouchers, including the cost of the audit pending input from BWSR. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

2010 – SWCD activities / accomplishment report – A copy of the 2010 report was handed out and discussed. The SWCD will give it's annual report to the county board on April 13th.

Shoreline habitat restoration workshop – A workshop was held on March 28th in Mora for the public. The event was sponsored by the PICKM water quality team. Twenty seven people were in attendance.

St. Croix Basin Conference – The annual conference was held on April 5th at UW – River Falls. Paul and Kelly attended this year. There was a number of speakers on a variety of water quality topics.

NEW BUSINESS:

Kurt Beckstrom – Area III Director – Kurt was present to give an update on MASWCD business at the state level including: legislation, budgets, grants, awards and rural preserve. June 3rd is the next Area III meeting to be held in Carlton County.

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Cooperative Weed Management update – Brochures for the public relating to buckthorn and invasive species control in Kanabec County are available for printing. Motion by Hoppe, seconded by Carda, to print brochures at the low bid of \$165.66 (tax included). Motion carried.

Tree and plat book sales – Jan prepared an update report on the status of the tree sales and the new plat book completion and arrival date. MCIT insurance information for elected officials was also handed out for board supervisors.

Cost share projects – Kelly gave an update on the cost share projects and technical assistance. Motion by Belkholm, seconded by Demarais, to approve an amendment to contract #08-11 for continued operation and maintenance for the streambank erosion control project at the previous Dan Crowell property, now owned by Matt and Amy Schultz. The new agreement will be effective through May 2019. Motion carried.

Motion by Hoppe, seconded by Demarais, to table the request for next month, to use the remaining FY 2011 cost share funds of \$7,743.24 for technical assistance on projects. Motion carried.

MASWCD Resolutions – The resolution packets received from the MASWCD President were handed out and discussed. New resolutions are to be submitted to the MASWCD office by July 21st to be considered for the annual meeting.

Ag BMP - low interest loan application – An application for a no till - planter was presented. Motion by Belkholm, seconded by Demarais, to approve the loan application for Dan Keller. Motion carried.

Envirothon support - A letter was reviewed from Pine SWCD – District Manager, requesting for a donation of \$200 for the event. There was a consensus to forward the request to the Snake River Watershed Management Board and Citizens Committee for their support. There was also discussion about asking the watershed group to contribute on behalf of all the SWCD's in the watershed.

Committee reports – Committee reports were given by Wayne for the R, C, and D Council, Tom for the Technical Service Area – engineering program and Paul for the Snake River Watershed and Citizens Advisory Committee and MASWCD - Forestry Committee.

District Conservationist report – Jennifer Hahn (acting D.C.) prepared a report to review.

District Manager report – Kelly reported on the status of the projects, grants and contracts underway. He is considering contacting KBK for a radio interview (in the near future) on our programs and activities, if any others are interested in participating.

Miscellaneous items – Gene commented on the erosion and flooding concerns near his property near the mouth of the Knife River. Board members and staff are welcome to come and view the streambank area individually, to see his concerns.

Next meeting date – Tues. May 10, 2011 at 4:00 pm.

Motion by Hoppe, seconded by Demarais, to adjourned the meeting at 5:47pm. Motion carried.

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