



KANABEC SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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MINUTES OF APRIL 10, 2012 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

MEMBERS PRESENT: Gene Carda, Tom Demarais, Paul Hoppe, Betty Wilkens

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kevin Belkholm

OTHERS PRESENT: Kelly Osterdyk, Jan Anderson, Shannon Rasinski

Chairman Demarais called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm.

M/S/C Carda, Demarais to accept as presented the minutes of the March 13 board meeting.

M/S/C Wilkens, Hoppe to approve the financial report for March. **M/S/C** Hoppe, Carda to pay the vouchers. 2011 Financial Closeout; Jan inquired to Bill Eisele at BWSR about the budgetary figures on one of the reports; Bill approved changing the budgeted figures on the budgetary comparison statement so the variance figures aren't so out of line with the actual expenses; the reports have not been sent to the state auditor's office yet. **M/S/C** Wilkens, Hoppe to approve close out changes as presented.

Annual Report to the County Board, we are scheduled for April 11 at 11 am. Paul agreed to make the presentation. The board approved the report that will be presented to the county.

County Geologic Atlas project – Kelly reported that we have been asked by Chad Grametz, the new public works director if the SWCD would like to participate in the process. There will be a meeting with the engineer on April 13. Kelly, Tom, Betty and Jan will attend.

MASWCD Leadership/Self Assessment Tool – board will review the letter and be ready to discuss at a future meeting.

The board then completed the District Manager's performance evaluation.

Cost-Share Projects: An update was given on the potential cost-share projects for the Clean Water Partnership and 319 Groundhouse River grants.

Grants and Contracts Update: The board reviewed the report Kelly presented. New grants for 2012 are Clean Water Partnership from MPCA, grant runs from April 2012 to June 2014; amount is \$201,892; also Cooperative Weed Management Grant from BWSR for Invasive Species Control runs April 2012-June 2014 for \$20,000; Conservation Partnership Legacy from DNR Wildlife for Prescribed Fire Management on DNR land and Kanabec SWCD property runs Spring 2012 to June 2014 for \$25,000.

M/S/C Wilkens, Carda to use technical assistance option in Weed Management Grant by using Nick Solomon, TSA for implementation.

Jan reported that she had a call from a teacher at Head Start asking if we would donate some trees for the students to take home; approved the donation of 36 trees. Jan also said that the pasture pump we have had sitting in the office was sold for \$101.

D.C. Report: Shannon presented her report; she & Donna have been working on ranking CSP applications; attending meetings; providing technical assistance; working on two EQIP projects; had one person re-enroll for CRP; also working on one WHIP plan and doing wetland determinations.

D.M. Report: Kelly has four Forest Stewardship Plan to complete before May1. We had an answer from the state association request we sent about paying our 2012 dues in separate payments. We were approved to pay in three installments. M/S/C Wilkens, Hoppe to pay the dues in three payments by April 30; July 30 & October 30. Kelly has been working on the Implementation Plan for Kanabec County's portion of the Lake St. Croix TMDL.

We received information from MASWCD calling for resolutions and also a report on the status of the existing resolutions.

Discussed the SWCD wage & benefit report and possible staff health insurance options. Will look into various options for insurance.

Supervisor's Reports: TSA – Tom & Kelly attended. Kelly attended personnel meeting. TSA funding is stable and depend on local contributions also.

Forestry: Paul & Shannon attended the meeting at McGregor; SFIA was discussed and forest tax status. SRWMB/CAC – Paul reported there was a combined meeting, which they will continue to do. Snake River TMDL - there was also a Technical Advisory meeting held on March 26.

Watershed Funding – no grant funds available currently for projects within impaired waters areas. Onanegozie RC&D: Gene attended the meeting in Pine County; discussing possibly combining some RC&D councils.

Next meeting is scheduled for May 15, 4:00 p.m.

M/S/C Hoppe, Wilkens adjourn at 7:05 pm.

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