



## KANABEC SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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### MINUTES OF APRIL 15, 2014 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mike Johnson, Paul Hoppe, Gene Carda, Kevin Belkholm,  
Betty Wilkens

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Kelly Osterdyk, Jan Anderson, Shannon Rasinski, Jason Weinerman

Chairman Hoppe called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

M/S/C Carda, Johnson to approve the consent agenda items which were the Minutes of the March 11, 2014 board meeting; 2012 BWSR Financial Reports; 2013 Financial Closeout; March 2103 financial report; 2013 Audit Bid; and Ann River Clean Water Fund grant agreement.

Jason Weinerman was present to discuss SWCD funding initiative and the Snake River Watershed.

Jason will come back to the May 20 board meeting at which time we will have a discussion on where the district wants to plan to be five years from now.

D.C. Report was handed out and reviewed. The EQIP program is on hold until they receive guidance from the national office. Also reviewed copies of the Spring 2013 joint SWCD/NRCS newsletter, which will be coming out in an upcoming issue of the Mora Advertiser.

2013 Annual Report to County – will request to get on May 14 county board meeting agenda to report to the board our accomplishments for 2013.

Grant Updates: Kanabec SWCD was approved for a Conservation Partners Legacy Grant for around \$5,000. The work plan has been approved, waiting for grant agreement. This grant will be doing plantings of butternut and elm trees.

Ann River Clean Water Fund grant money has been received for projects and watershed restoration; the first half payment amount was \$82,795.

The grant audit was completed by the MPCA for the CWP grant.

Reviewed the two SWCD Supervisor election options: 1) to be nominated from their nominating district and elected by the general electorate of the county or 2) align with county commissioner districts and be elected by the electorate of their nominating district M/S/C Johnson, Wilkens to stay with option 1 and keep the election process as it is.

Area 3 Resolution meeting scheduled for June 4 at Carlton; supervisors will check their schedules and think about potential resolutions for the May meeting.

Kelly handed out maps and project information on potential projects in the Groundhouse River Watershed that are part of the LCCMR grant.

M/S/C Carda, Johnson to approve vouchers for payment.

Committee Reports: Gene reported that the Onanegozie RC&D council was organized in 1969 and was now dissolved in March 2013. The final financial balance was \$22,000 which by the by-laws will be split up between 6 counties and 6 soil & water conservation districts.

Gene reported that the Knife River bank has eroded significantly from the spring runoff. The landowner of the property along the river bank will not grant easement permission to access the bank to restore it.

Mike reported that at the Snake River Watershed meeting by-law changes have been approved. Also, discussed One Watershed, One Plan grant application.

Mike also said that Area 3 SWCD TSA is in the process of advertising for an engineer. He also reported the North St. Louis SWCD office is closed.

Paul attended Legislative Day and met with Senator Tony Lorey; Rep. Tim Foust and Senator Sandra Erickson.

Paul also reported that he Kelly & Gene attended the Protecting the St. Croix River Basin Conference.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

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