



KANABEC SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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MINUTES OF APRIL 14, 2015 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

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

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

Chairman Hoppe called meeting together at 2:31 p.m.

M/S/C Johnson, Carda to approve minutes and financial report for March and pay the presented vouchers.

Unfinished Business:

M/S/C Wilkens, Carda to approve the 2015 Annual Work Plan with the addition of the Civic Governance policy information.

Conservation Easement – fact sheet for Snake River and Kettle River Watersheds developed by the Nature Conservancy

M/S/C Wilkens, Carda to put contact information for all partners on sheet.

Snake River Watershed – Outreach coordinator is being hired; board discussed providing possible space & costs involved in our building in the office with TSA .

Lynn Erickson field erosion/gully project. **M/S/C** Johnson, Belkholm the Kanabec SWCD pay up to 90% cost-share of either option discussed; landowner is to pick up 10% of cost. Mike Johnson amended his motion for Kanabec SWCD to pay 90% or up to \$30,000; whichever is less; Kevin Belkholm seconded; carried.

Kelly reported on the Ann Lake Watershed Alliance event held on April 11 at Ann Lake. Presentations were made by DNR, Ann Lake Watershed and Kanabec SWCD.

Ann River Watershed Restoration – Clean Water Grant: Reviewed two bids for Roger & Kathy Tentis Erosion Control project on Fish Lake. **M/S/C** Johnson, Carda based on the two bids received, the board requested that Tentis' obtain another bid.

District Manager Applications, we have two candidates to interview. Interviews will be conducted on April 17, 20 or 21 whatever works for applicants. **M/S/C** Johnson, Belkholm to appoint two

board members and two staff to be on interview committee. Betty Wilkens & Kevin Belkholm will be on committee, other three board members will be alternates.

M/S/C Johnson, Wilkens to make request to BWSR to use our FY '15 cost-share funds \$9,607 for technical assistance.

Discussed Area III fall meeting. Will check if Freddie's Restaurant is available. Also discussed possible tour sites.

PICKM Alliance – dinner meeting on April 27 in Isanti County. M/S/C Wilkens, Carda to allow any staff or board members who wish to go to do so.

D.C. Report: Shannon reported on CSP, EQIP, WHIP and on technical assistance and other general activities they have been involved with.

D.M. Report: Kelly reported that WENCK Assoc. worked with us on submitting 319 Feasibility Grant for Ann Lake internal load treatment.

Kelly has 8 forest stewardship plans to complete; is currently working on 3 to be submitted by May 1 deadline.

Discussed proposed buffer bill recommended by Governor Dayton.

Committee Reports: Mike reported TSA has 40 projects underway, he met with staff after board meeting to discuss our projects. Paul reported he attended the March 19 Forestry meeting in McGregor; speaker talked about Golden Winged Warbler habitat. Paul is now the treasurer; he will also be on interview committee for forester being hired by BWSR. He also attended Snake River WS meeting with Mike & Betty. Meeting with county board on April 22.

Jan reported that she talked to Kelly about a retirement party. It was decided to hold an open house on the afternoon of May 29, his last day of work.

Next board meeting set for May 12 – 2:30 p.m. Special board meeting on April 21 after district manager candidates interview; committee will make a recommendation to the board.

Jason Weirner handed out SWCD Mile Post Worksheet to board to fill out by April 30 to return to Jason. He will summarize for May 12 meeting.

MASWCD – Resolution information was handed out along with MASWCD Legislative Platform information.

Meeting adjourned.

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