



KANABEC SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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MINUTES OF AUGUST 9, 2011 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

MEMBERS PRESENT: Gene Carda, Paul Hoppe, Tom Demarais

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kevin Belkholm

OTHERS PRESENT: Kelly Osterdyk, Jan Anderson

Vice-Chairman Demarais called the meeting to order at 3:07 pm.

M/S/C Hoppe, Carda to approve minutes for July 12, 2011 meeting as amended.

M/S/C Hoppe, Carda to accept the financial report for July.

Old Business:

Reviewed medical insurance renewal rates; discussion on various options for the employee's insurance coverage. M/S/C Hoppe, Carda that on 9/1/11 PEIP Advantage Plan insurance be approved for family coverage for Kelly; single coverage for Jan; basic life & ADD for both and comprehensive dental for Jan.

2012 Draft Budget: M/S/C Hoppe, Carda to present budget to county board on September 14 at 9:25 a.m. Paul will present it and Gene will also be present.

NEMO Land Use Water Resource workshop has been rescheduled for September 28, at the Mora Public Library. The Ann River TMDL project public meeting was rescheduled to August 30 at the Kanabec Public Service Building. County fair booth was discussed, Tom, Kevin, Kelly & Nick (TSA) worked at the booth.

Community Conservationist Award – Kelly suggested that the City of Mora be nominated to receive the Outstanding Community Conservationist award. M/S/C Carda, Hoppe to nominate Mora for their conservation work on the Snake River, water monitoring, bike trail, rain gardens.

Wayne Anderson has resigned due to employment and he will be moving out of the county. M/S/C Hoppe, Carda to accept Wayne's resignation. M/S/C Hoppe, Carda to appoint Betty Wilkens to serve the balance of Wayne's term.

Gene Carda discussed an erosion situation behind his property at the mouth of the Knife River. On September 14, 1981 a record was filed with the county regarding condemnation of certain properties along the Knife River for construction of the Knife Lake dam and raising water levels of the lake.

Kelly brought a copy of the document to the county attorney for reviewed comment. Gene expressed concern about lake and the mouth of the river being filled in from the upstream erosion and that he feels something needs to be done. Paul suggested that Gene discuss the matter with the Knife Lake Improvement District also.

A cost-share project update report was reviewed; also a list of FY 2012 Clean Water Fund Competitive grants we can apply for through BWSR.

D.C. Report: Reviewed Shannon's report she submitted.

Supervisors Reports: Tom reported that the TSA III will meet on August 24. Paul reported that the SRWMB did not have a meeting in July.

M/S/C Hoppe, Carda to set the mileage reimbursement rate the same as the IRS rate.

Paul agreed to represent the SWCD on the Onanegozie RC&D Council and he will attend the next Council meeting in Carlton on September 22; the Council will be deciding on whether to continue or dissolve. If the Council decides to dissolve, Paul asked for guidance on how to divide up the RC&D funds; it was the consensus that the funds be divided up between the participating entities.

D.M. Report: Copies were handed out of the SWCD Governance 101 workshop being put on by the MASWCD in Alexandria on September 12 & 13; Gene Carda would like to attend; and Paul will give Betty Wilkens a copy also and give her the opportunity to attend. M/S/C Hoppe, Carda to approve expenses for any board member who wishes to attend.

An article was passed out from Minnesota Waters Magazine about a water quality farm tour that was held for local citizens in the Prior Lake-Spring Lake Watershed area. The fall Area III meeting to be held on September 22 was discussed; registration materials will be coming soon. Information was handed out on Wood Biomass Energy Webinar workshop put on by the U of M this fall.

Next meeting is scheduled for September 13 at 4:00 p.m.

M/S/C Hoppe, Carda to adjourn at 6:30 p.m.

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