



KANABEC SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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MINUTES OF AUGUST 14, 2012 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tom Demarais, Betty Wilkens, Paul Hoppe

MEMBERS ABSENT: Gene Carda, Kevin Belkholm

OTHERS PRESENT: Kelly Osterdyk, Shannon Rasinski, Jan Anderson

Chairman Demarais called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

M/S/C Wilkens, Hoppe to approve the minutes of the July 12 board meeting. **M/S/C Wilkens, Hoppe** to approve financial report for July. **M/S/C Hoppe, Wilkens** to pay the monthly invoices.

Employee wages & benefits – staff updated board on progress in the switching over to wage benefit package/flex benefit plan. **M/S/C Wilkens, Hoppe** to approve 2013 draft budget. Jan presented bids for two computers for the QuickBooks software; and had made a bid to landlord for a work station left in building when Extension moved out. **M/S/C Hoppe, Wilkens** to purchase the “off lease” computer for \$475.59 and \$200 for the work station.

Jason Weirnerman, BWSR Board Rep will be at our September meeting to discuss his recent letter about corn prices.

BWSR Clean Water Fund Grants – Kelly reported that he would like to apply for one of these competitive grants. Requests for proposals now open; possible projects could be for use in Ann River sub watershed. Also may apply for a separate feedlot grant application.

RC&D does no longer need financial assistance from Kanabec SWCD. A letter of appreciation was sent to Chairman Demarais for Jan’s assistance over the years.

The Nature Conservancy meeting follow up – Paul, Betty and Kelly met with two representatives from the Nature Conservancy and one person from DNR in July, to discuss a federal clean water initiative grant and how we can partner on this grant.

Cost-Share projects – reviewed updated list. **M/S/C Hoppe, Wilkens** to approve additional cost-share, from CWP grant for Leroy Sipes, not to exceed 75% or \$3,000 whichever is less of total combined cost-share including what Kanabec SWCD has already paid Sipes and EQIP funding.

Area III Annual Meeting & Tour is scheduled for September 20 & 21 hosted by Aitkin SWCD. **M/S/C Hoppe, Wilkens** to send two supervisors & staff to the Area III meeting (Kelly will check with Pine).

D.C. Report: Shannon gave an update on EQIP activities; the 6 applicants for the 2012 3rd round will roll over to FY 2013 signup and be re-ranked. WHIP – native grass & wildflower plantings were certified. Also reported on trainings & meetings they participated in. The Area 3 joint meeting with SWCD; Kelly attended; technical approval authority was discussed.

D.M. Report: Kelly requested approval to attend the Timber Cruising Field Day, August 23, as part of continuing Ed for credits for forest plan writing. M/S/C Wilkens, Hoppe for Kelly to attend the training.

Water Plan information update – Kanabec County is in the process of updating the Comprehensive Water Management Plan. We provided information for the update; including BMP implementation projects and pollution reduction estimates back to 2006.

Next meeting scheduled for **Wednesday, September 12, 4:00 p.m.**

M/S/C Hoppe, Wilkens to adjourn at 5:58 p.m.

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