



KANABEC SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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MINUTES OF AUGUST 13, 2013 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Kelly Osterdyk, Jan Anderson, Shannon Rasinski

Paul Hoppe called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.

M/S/C Johnson, Wilkens to approve July 2 board meeting minutes. Don Thoeny not able to attend board meeting; Paul, Mike & Kelly will visit him following the meeting at his site. Reviewed his conservation practices and will discuss with him long term planning using buffers on waterways. Based on today's site visit results – **M/S/C Johnson, Wilkens** to approve cost-share for no-till/ridge till at \$23.75/acre for total of \$3,681.25 from 319 Groundhouse River funds. Kevin Thoeny's cost-share request was tabled until next month. We will look at other potential reduced tillage sites also.

M/S/C Wilkens, Belkholm to approve financial report for July. Discussed recent newsletter that was sent out and feedback received from it. Will keep track of contacts made as a result of the newsletter's mailing.

Old Business: Betty, Mike & Kelly were at a recent county board meeting and made our 2014 budget presentation; they reported it was well received. **M/S/C Belkholm, Johnson** pay second state dues request \$655.50. **M/S/C Johnson, Wilkens** to accept the Chev S10 pickup from Area 3 TSA and to insure it for liability only. Knife River erosion problem, county is working with attorney to establish ownership.

New Business: Area III Annual Meeting to be held at Carlton on September 19 & 20; **M/S/C Wilkens, Johnson** to approve supervisors & staff that want to go may do so and lodging also.

Cost-Share: Ford Twp. Road project – application of non-chloride binding material for dust control has been completed, not all bills were available by this meeting.

LeRoy Sipes – Diversion & grade stabilization, fence exclusion, critical area seeding along Snake River – project is completed. **M/S/C Belkholm, Johnson** to make final payment of \$6,007.36 to Sipes. **Aaron Habeck** – Feedlot runoff & treatment, heavy use area protection & fencing exclusion along Hay Creek – on May 14, 2013 the SWCD board had approved for owner to begin work on fencing & heavy use crossing with fencing at \$6.00/foot; it was decided to amend the prior motion because the board thought the cost was too high; Kelly will speak with Aaron about the board's concerns and ask him to get some prices for fencing.

Buckthorn/Weed Management Grant: In January the board approved up to \$400 out of the \$2,000 available on chemicals/equipment; Kelly stated we need to buy more chemical for buckthorn control. M/S/C Wilkens, Johnson to purchase 5 gallons of Garlon and oil if needed. Also, discussed storage of the chemicals, currently in a cabinet at the DNR Forestry building and whether they have to be kept from freezing.

D.C. Report: Shannon handed out copies of her report showing that: 4 more EQIP apps. have been approved, did numerous certification for various practices; conservation planning; progress reporting and other activities.

D.M. Report: The 2013 Legislature repealed the 2011 law which eliminated DNR tree sales to SWCD's and private landowners from the State Forest Nurseries. We can now purchase seedlings from DNR again. Kelly requested permission to attend a grant writing workshop on November 20 in St. Paul, registration cost is \$95; M/S/C Johnson, Belholm to approve Kelly attending workshop. Michael Preston from The Nature Conservancy met with Kelly to discuss partnering with the SWCD on BWSR grants. Civic Governance project – group is now working on goals and development of a work plan. Kelly checked with BWSR regarding the SWCD board's question about grant administration charges. Currently, there is no cap for administration charges in the Clean Water grants.

Supervisors Reports- Paul attended State Forestry Committee meeting; reported Steve VonGroven was present to talk about the future of forestry in Minnesota.

Next meeting scheduled for September 10 at 4:00 p.m.

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