



KANABEC SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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MINUTES OF AUGUST 12, 2014 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Paul Hoppe

OTHERS PRESENT: Kelly Osterdyk, Jan Anderson

Secy.-Treasurer Johnson called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

M/S/C Wilkens, Johnson to approve the consent agenda items which were the Minutes of the July 8, 2014 board meeting; July 10 special board meeting; July 2014 financial report; FY 13 & FY 14 BWSR final financial grant reports. We also reviewed the 2015 proposed budget. **M/S/C** Wilkens, Belkholm approve preliminary budget. Jan reported that we have received the draft 2013 audit; will let auditor know if it looks ok so he can send it to the State Auditor for review.

Area III Annual Meeting in Grand Marais September 18 &19: **M/S/C** Johnson, Carda to approve expenses for registration, lodging & mileage for any staff and supervisors who want to go.

319 Groundhouse River Cost-Share: **M/S/C** Johnson, Carda to approve any funds not used for cost-share to be used for Terry Nielson for cover crops and/or other cover crop projects that are eligible.

DNR Conservation Partners Legacy Grant - tree plantings on permanent easements on private properties. **M/S/C** Johnson, Carda for SWCD to apply for the grant.

Civic Governance Policy Workshop – September 4 - The SWCD will host this workshop along with partners. Information was sent out by email.

Kelly said one of the things he has learned through the CG exercise is that for board meetings, that a time limit be set for Agenda items and stick to the time limit; if more time is needed, the Chairman should ask for more time. Kelly also said that at the end of the meeting we should do an evaluation of the meeting; and also track progress on our annual plan throughout the year.

Kanabec County – Minnesota DNR land swap – Betty talked about the agreements and benefit of the land swap between the county and DNR. She also said more networking needs to be done with townships/county to get more information out and get the public informed.

Reviewed and discussed the TSA III's "Service Request Form" and process for project development. Also discussed preparing a landowner/SWCD project cost-share intent form for review.

Roger Tentis project on Fish Lake – Keith Anderson, TSA 3 engineer has requested a basic contract be drawn up with landowner.

Ann River CWF grant – Roger Tentis rock lined channel – grassed waterway and settling basin at Fish Lake. M/S/C Wilkens, Johnson to approve cost-share of 75% of engineer’s cost estimate not to exceed \$6,880.50 whichever is less. Also discussed the preliminary cost-estimate for Lynne Erickson’s project.

Committee Reports: Mike Johnson reported that the Snake River Watershed Board is looking at hiring a part-time coordinator through Clean Water Fund grant application process. He also said board held a discussion on follow-up of completed projects.

Gene Carda reported he and Paul Hoppe attended the state forestry meeting; and also toured the paper mill at Cloquet.

Gene also reported that the Knife River landowner had stopped and visited with him about the erosion issue, no progress made as he wants an easement through Gene’s land to get on his property.

D.C. Report submitted by Donna Walters-Nelson: Local work group met on July 24 to discuss area resource concerns and set priorities for 2015. Also, reported on other activities, meetings and trainings held. The New Area Assist. State Conservationist, Steve Cole will be attending an upcoming board meeting. Donna continues to assist the Milaca FO 2 days every other week.

Kelly reported he has been out on project site visits with TSA staff. He has several more forestry plans to work on; doing grant reporting.

Copies of the Strategic Planning from Jason Weiner, BWSR were handed out to be discussed at the September board meeting.

Next meeting scheduled for September 9 at 3:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 5:05.

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