



KANABEC SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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MINUTES OF AUGUST 11, 2015 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mike Johnson, Paul Hoppe, Gene Carda,

MEMBERS ABSENT: Betty Wilkens, Kevin Belkholm

OTHERS PRESENT: Deanna Pomije, Jan Anderson, Shannon Rasinski, Joyce Sawatzky, Jason Weinerman

Chairman Hoppe called meeting together at 2:30 p.m.

M/S/C Johnson, Carda to approve Minutes of July 8 board meeting, financial report for July and payment of the voucher.

Unfinished Business: Ford Township road; discussed various options for the erosion problem. Gene Carda will research an estimate for permanent paving the ¼ mile steep north section.

Lynn Erickson field erosion: Design revisions underway; awaiting TSA's approval on changes.

Deanna reported that she completed on the CWP 2012 Semi-annual report. Funds will be reorganized to utilize the remaining funds. Will be working on the 2015 CWP work plan.

Kanabec County Fair Booth – was manned by staff, supervisors & NRCS staff. Information on the new buffer initiative was handed out.

Local Work Group Meeting was well attended; many different agencies participated including a representative from Senator Franken's office.

Area III Meeting in September: Jan checked with Timber Trails bus company and we could rent the bus for the afternoon for a cost of around \$100; board gave go ahead to rent the bus for the tour.

District pickup: Deanna asked if she could take the vehicle home overnight on Thursday because of the Groundwater meeting she would like to attend in Rochester. The air conditioning quit working in pickup again; have an estimate for repair of \$683.84; **M/S/C Carda, Johnson** to get air conditioning repaired.

M/S/C Johnson, Carda to approve the contract with Kelly Osterdyk to do three forest stewardship plans. **M/S/C Carda, Johnson** to extend the well sealing with Kitty Losinger. BWSR grant agreement: **M/S/C Johnson, Carda** to give Deanna Pomije signing approval authority.

Board approved Deanna to attend a Forestry Workshop on August 26 in Cloquet, registration cost is \$75.

Jason Weirnerman, BWSR Board Rep. was present to present the final Strategic Planning information. Also discussed the Kanabec County Water Plan. Discussed sharing staff positions/expertise with neighboring SWCD's. The Snake River Watershed has hired Aaron Johnson for the SRW Outreach & Coordinator position; he will start on August 17. Paul suggested we invite him to our next board meeting. Board was in favor of continuing talks with neighboring district on sharing services. Jason reported that districts can apply for the \$100,000 funding in October or November; and funds will then be given out in December or January. DNR should have the buffer mapping done by June 2016. Jason also mentioned that TSAs will also receive another \$225,000. He said the counties cannot discontinue allocations to counties or they could be in violation. BWSR will also have funds available to match any funds that the counties increase the district's allocation by.

D.M. Report: Deanna will be attending the next KLID meeting to assist them with independent lake monitoring they want to do. Ann Lake – Deanna continues to work with the association members.

D.C. Report: Shannon handed out copies of her report on Technical Assistance, Meetings, Training and other activities they have been involved in. Also, a reminder of the Soil Field Health Day in Pine County on September 15.

Next meeting scheduled for September 8 at 2:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 4:38 PM

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