



## KANABEC SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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### MINUTES OF DECEMBER 13, 2011 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Gene Carda, Tom Demarais, Betty Wilkens, Kevin Belkholm,  
Paul Hoppe

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Jan Anderson, Shannon Rasinski

Vice-Chairman Demarais called the meeting to order at 4:10 pm.

**M/S/C** Wilkens, Carda to approve minutes for the November 8, 2011 meeting.

**M/S/C** Carda, Wilkens to approve the financial report for November.

**Old Business:** State Convention – Paul & Tom attended; Paul sat in on the TMDL sessions and gave a report on that; Tom sat in on a session on Legal Matters and one on History of SWCD & Roles of Supervisors; they also discussed the business meeting and Resolutions voting. Our conservation cooperator did not attend.

**M/S/C** Hoppe, Carda to approve vouchers as presented for payment; including the board vouchers for 2011.

Grants & Contracts report submitted by Kelly was reviewed. The following payments were approved: Cooperative Weed Management Grant: **M/S/C** Hoppe, Belkholm to pay Kanabec SWCD - \$752.50 for technical assistance, coordination & administration; and Area III TSA - \$1,768.50 for technical assistance. Clean Water Funds: **M/S/C** Hoppe, Wilkens to pay Kanabec SWCD - \$1,500.00 for technical assistance and Area III TSA - \$1,875.00 for engineering assistance.

**DC Report:** Shannon's report was reviewed. Will be meeting with nine participants for the CSP to certify their 2012 payments. Certified wetland determinations. The Mora Field Office will be getting an Agricultural Engineer in the spring. Did site visit to a stream bank erosion site, TSA 3 will be completing the design for that project, and also on an ag waste system for hogs. Met with SWCD & TSA staff about computer usage; NRCS will provide computer hookups etc. in return for assistance from SWCD & TSA staff. Also will be working with Braham Girl Scouts on some kind of water quality projects in October 2012.

**Supervisors Reports:** Tom reported that there hasn't been a TSA meeting. Paul attended RC&D Council meeting in Carlton on October 27. The Council's mission & goals were reviewed & discussed and future financial viability. Paul mentioned that he will no longer be able to attend the RC&D Council meetings and asked if another board member would replace him; the committee

assignment will be done at the January meeting. Paul reported he attended the Forestry meeting in McGregor on November 17; the survival of the state nurseries was discussed; Betty suggested that an article be put in the local paper informing the public about the loss of the state nurseries and the future impact on availability of native tree stock. SRWMB – Paul attended the November 28 meeting of the Snake River CAC and board. Paul has been named the next chairman on the CAC. He reported that the Clean Water Fund will be gone by December 2011. Paul mentioned the SR TMDL project in conjunction with the St. Croix Watershed TMDL. No SRWMB meeting in December.

AgBMP Loan program: Jan requested approval for 2 septic loans through the AgBMP program: Dan & Jennifer Tauer - \$13,000 and Lee Thompson - \$11,000.

Next meeting will be January 10 at 3:30. Ann Lake Alliance group will be present to talk about the Ann River TMDL project.

M/S/C Carda, Belkholm to adjourn at 6:12 p.m.

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