



## KANABEC SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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### MINUTES OF DECEMBER 10, 2013 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mike Johnson, Betty Wilkens, Paul Hoppe, Gene Carda

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Kevin Belkholm

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

Chairman Hoppe called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

**M/S/C Johnson, Carda** to approve minutes of the November 19<sup>th</sup> board meeting as amended.

**M/S/C Carda, Johnson** to approve Financial Report for November as presented, and to pay the voucher.

Old Business: Reviewed the consent agenda information submitted by Mike Johnson, we will consider using that format in 2014.

State Convention: Paul & Kelly attended the Tuesday session and Conservationist luncheon. Also discussed the One Watershed, One Plan presented by BWSR. **M/S/C Johnson, Carda** to support a letter of inquiry to the Snake River Watershed to send to BWSR.

Plat books: We have a proposal from Mapping Solutions to produce next plat book. Board wanted to know exactly what would be included in the new book and also interested in the aerial photo page for each township, Jan will check back with the company to see if we can get the aerial photo pages for same price per book.

Grants & Contracts: Reviewed list of current grants & contracts. Also, discussed the DNR Conservation Legacy grant to plant butternut trees on public or easement property. Kelly will contact current easement property owners to see if they would be interested in this project.

**M/S/C Wilkens, Johnson** to approve partial payment to Tom Felger of \$5,000 for fencing costs for his feedlot project from the Clean Water Partnership grant set aside for him. Balance remaining in grant is \$3,018.92 to be paid when all work is completed.

Kanabec SWCD Mission Statement was reviewed and approved for the next year with no changes made.

D.C. Report: Reviewed Shannon's report which stated that Dave Copeland, NRCS Area 3 Conservationist for the position of Area 6 Conservationist. EQIP – Conservation Planning –

training moved to January 2014. CSP – application deadline is January 17. There is no farm bill yet; and are anticipating a 7.23% budget cut.

D.M. Report: Wetlands – Kelly reported that he worked on four wetland violation restoration orders this year; three of the restorations have been completed through the Wetlands Conservation Act.

Committee Reports: Gene reported that the Onanegozie RC&D is in the process of dissolving, but it is a long process; also have one active project. Gene attended State Forestry Committee in Paul’s place. Brought back information about gravel beds for increasing roots for tree seedling health and survival. Mike reported that he will be attending the next TSA meeting January 22. Paul attended the SRWMB meeting which was held in Mille Lacs County, they have no current projects. WRAP – Chris Klucas was at the Snake River meeting and gave an update on the Watershed Restoration and Protection Plan (WRAPS).

Betty and Gene reported there has been no new action on Knife River erosion situation, landowner will not grant access permission.

Next meeting will be January 7, 3:00 p.m.

M/S/C Johnson, Wilkens to adjourn at 5:00.

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