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MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 10, 2009 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

MEMBERS PRESENT: Paul Hoppe, Tom Demarais, Wayne Anderson, Kevin Belkholm

MEMBERS ABSENT: Karen Longerbone

OTHERS PRESENT: Kelly Osterdyk, Jan Anderson, Steve Haar, Jason Weinerman

Chairman Hoppe called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.

M/S/C Anderson, Demarais to approve minutes of January 6, 2009 meeting.

M/S/C Belkholm, Anderson to approve the financial report for January 2009 as presented. The report included proposed budget cuts including: employee's wage freeze, payment of state dues (will request a hardship exemption from MASWCD) and other expenses. Board authorized Jan to place an ad in papers for new plat book; and approved payment of the vouchers.

M/S/C Hoppe, Demarais to appoint Paul Larson as Kanabec's community member at large to the Onanegozie RC&D Council.

Committee Reports: Wayne reported on the Onanegozie RC&D meeting he attended; RC&D are soliciting ideas for community projects to be funded by the economic stimulus funds. Paul reported on IMPACK 6 JPB board meeting he attended and also the MASWCD Forestry Assoc. he attended in McGregor. Paul reported he also attended the Minn. Forestry Ass. Meeting in Cloquet; discussion was on using sales tax revenue and Living Snow fence establishment. Paul also attended the SRWMB CAC meeting and mentioned proposed projects to be funded.

Cost-Share Projects: Kelly reported that the Rick Westervelt's design is completed for his cropland sediment basin runoff project. The Ann Lake Township/Jeff Hamme erosion project design is also completed.

Jason Weinerman, BWSR gave a supervisor orientation Power Point presentation.

Annual Plan of Work was sent out in board packets; members will read and comment on next month. Work plan is due to BWSR by March 15.

D.C. Report: Steve handed out information on conservation provisions of the farm bill. Passage of the bill is on hold until the new administration has reviewed it; there will be a public comment period. Cost-share may increase up to 75%.

D.M. Report: **M/S/C** Anderson, Demarais to appoint Paul Larson as representative for the SWCD to the East Central Landscape Committee; and report back to the SWCD of any action. **M/S/C** Demarais, Belkholm to approve Kelly to attend Wetland Delineation Certification Program training, registration cost is \$25. **M/S/C** Demarais, Belkholm to apply to MASWCD for hardship exemption of 2009 dues.

Discussed dying hybrid poplar stand on conservation farm and what can be done to get some benefit from them. Five contacts have been made to various loggers. The parcel is too small for loggers' interest.

Cost Share close out for 2007 Drought Disaster funds was completed by Jason Weinerman (BWSR); a letter of results was handed out; only a couple of minor issues were mentioned.

Next board meeting scheduled for March 10.

M/S/C Demarais, Belkholm to adjourn at 7:20 p.m.

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