



KANABEC SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 8, 2011 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Kelly Osterdyk, Jan Anderson, Joe Bischoff, Wenck Associates

Chairman Anderson called the meeting to order at 3:03 pm.

M/S/C Hoppe, Demarais to approve minutes for January 11, 2011 meeting.

Joe Bischoff gave a presentation on the Ann River TMDL project to date. It was suggested that county board members be invited to the meeting when Joe gives his next progress report.

M/S/C Demarais, Belkholm approve the financial report for January. M/S/C Demarais, Belkholm to approve the vouchers. We received one bid for the Xerox copier we had advertised for two weeks in the paper; Gene Carda thought that Knife Lake Township might be interested also; it was decided that we would like to recover the cost of the ad, so will go with highest bid.

2011 Annual Plan – a copy of the 2010 plan had been sent out to board members via email to review for updates and revisions. Will have a draft proposal of 2011 plan for next month's meeting.

Plat Book update – Jan reported that draft copies of highway maps and plat pages have been updated and returned to RedBarn. A draft book will be compiled and returned to us for final proofing and approval.

Cooperative Weed Management Grant update – The equipment use/waiver agreement final copy was reviewed and approved. M/S/C Belkholm, Hoppe to approve CWMG expenses; to date \$2,163.50 for staff time spent. We will pay the TSA for Nick's time for technical assistance.

Pay Equity Report – A report must be done every three years to show we are in compliance. M/S/C Hoppe, Carda to approve the report

Old Business:

Rural Preserve Tax Program: Kelly reported that the County Assessor has informed him to put the program on hold for now, due to potential legislative changes to the program.

Legislative Days – February 28 – March 1 – Kevin, Paul, Tom, Gene & Kelly will car pool down on March 1 for meetings with our local legislators. Wayne will go down February 28 for the meeting in the evening and also the March 1 meetings.

Cost Share Update – reviewed list of projects recently approved for Snake River Watershed funds; projects to be installed this year; and projects in planning & technical assistance stage.

Committee Reports for meetings held: SRWMB – Paul reported that the Schroeder project has been approved for funding. Onanegozie RC&D – Wayne reported that he has been elected Vice-Chairman of the Council. They are currently working on a coordinated farmer’s market for Mora, also putting on a Cooperator’s workshop in Onamia.

D.C. Report: A report was handed out in Shannon’s absence. Conservation Stewardship Program – 5 applications for first sign-up of 2011; EQIP – have 7 applications to date. Shannon attended an Area 3 meeting at which Don Baloun, State Conservationist and John Beckwith, Assist. State Conservationist for Operations discussed the draft Position Management Plan – NRCS is evaluating the organization of every position to make sure they are operating in an economical manner. Hosted an EQIP net conference at which 2011 payment docket changes were presented.

D.M. Report: Next Snake River Watershed meeting February 28 will include an afternoon session for stakeholders about the Snake River TMDL monitoring study.

M/S/C Demarais, Carda approved Kelly to attend Restoration of Permanent Openings Forestry Training n Bemidji on March 15; registration cost is \$65.

Next meeting scheduled for March 8, 3:00 pm. M/S/C Hoppe, Carda to adjourn the meeting at 5:20 p.m.

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