



## KANABEC SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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### MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 12, 2013 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Kevin Belkholm, Gene Carda, Paul Hoppe, Mike Johnson

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Betty Wilkens

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Kelly Osterdyk, Shannon Rasinski, Jan Anderson, Monica Zachay, St. Croix River Association

Paul Hoppe called the meeting to order at 4:11 p.m.

**M/S/C** Belkholm, Johnson to approve minutes of January 8, 2013 board meeting as amended.

Monica Zachay from St. Croix River Association was present to talk about our involvement with the association in an LCCMR grant. We will be helping to prioritize potential high phosphorus and sediment contributing areas in the Ann River and the Groundhouse River Watersheds. **M/S/C** Belkholm, Johnson, to participate in this grant with the SCRA.

**M/S/C** Johnson, Belkholm to approve the financial report for January 2013. **M/S/C** Belkholm, Johnson to approve payment of vouchers.

Old Business: Katelyn Matilla who was at our meeting in January is looking into potential grants for projects; also to provide assistance to the lake groups.

Kelly reported that the 30 day public comment period for the Ann River TMDL ends on February 13.

We have received verbal approval from Jason Weirnerman, BWSR for our request to use our 2013 cost-share funds for technical & administration. **M/S/C** Johnson, Belkholm to request from BWSR approval to use our 2013 cost-share funds for technical & administrative services. Kevin questioned why BWSR doesn't give us more base funding so we don't have to use our cost share for this. Kelly responded that BWSR wants us to apply for the clean water grants to help us financially.

**M/S/C** Carda, Johnson to approve payment of \$600 (75% of cost) cost-share to the City of Mora for sealing two unused wells. **M/S/C** Belkholm, Carda to approve final financial report for FY 2012 cost-share close out; approval to be sent to BWSR.

County Water Plan update – public meeting scheduled for February 20 at 1:30. The new plan will be due in 2016 and we will recommend that the TMDL work be included.

Civic Engagement meeting on February 7 was held with good attendance; will continue to have monthly meetings with smaller groups.

Legislative Days February 25 & 26 in St. Paul, Kevin & Gene will go down on the 26<sup>th</sup> to meet with individual legislators. Paul and Kelly may go down for the evening session on the 25<sup>th</sup>. **M/S/C** Johnson, Carda to allow up to three to attend & pay expenses.

Paul reported on the forestry committee meeting he attended. Status of the forestry industry was discussed; he reported that 6 plants have closed in Minnesota since 2007; due to less paper demand.

Kelly reported that we have received an invitation from the Anoka Conservation District to assist in the Rum River Watershed Restoration and Protection Project. There were some confusion about the hourly rates, etc. in the letter. **M/S/C** Johnson, Carda to contact Anoka for clarification before making decision on this project.

Kelly reported that we need to complete our Annual Plan for 2013 for BWSR. He will work on a draft to be reviewed at March meeting.

**M/S/C** Carda, Johnson to approve Kelly to attend Hydrology Forestry Training on March 20 at CFC, fee is \$75.

**D.C. Report:** Shannon report was presented; making note of upcoming Soil Health Webinars Supervisors & farmers are invited to attend. Also, noted NRCS Sequestration news of 8% cut across the board, nationwide cut of \$400 million nationwide; and possibly staff furloughs.

SRWMB meeting – Paul reported that Chris Klucas and Wenck Associates made a presentation on the Snake River TMDL project at the Snake River meeting in January.

Next meeting scheduled for March 12. **M/S/C** Belkholm, Carda to adjourn at 6:37 p.m.

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