



KANABEC SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 11, 2014 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Betty Wilkens

OTHERS PRESENT: Kelly Osterdyk, Jan Anderson, Shannon Rasinski

Chairman Hoppe called the meeting to order at 3:07 p.m.

M/S/C Carda, Johnson approve the consent items Minutes January 11, 2014 Board Meeting, January financial report as presented and the draft 2014 Annual Work Plan. **M/S/C** Carda, Johnson approved payment of vouchers.

M/S/C Johnson, Belkholm to allow board members and Kelly to attend the Upper St. Croix River Basin Forestry Conference on February 27 at Hinckley, registration cost is \$25 each. **M/S/C** Johnson, Belkholm to allow board members to attend the Civic Governance Workshop on March 6. Paul also mentioned soil & water board members bringing this concept to the Kanabec County township association's annual meeting.

New Business: Ann River Clean Water Fund – Kanabec has been approved for another grant, for three years for \$165,590 for implementation and restoration.

A letter will be drafted to landowner in the Ann River Sub-watershed area identified as having impairments requesting a meeting.

DNR Prescribed Burning Grant – Kelly asked if we should sign a new agreement with the Craig Andresen, the contractor we previously worked with, grant amount is \$25,000. **M/S/C** Johnson, Carda to approve what Kanabec County's bid amount is and not to exceed that maximum, or seek other bidders.

Reviewed request from Greg Yankiowiak for a letter from the district stating that natural resources will be impacted by the proposed Mora Crosswind Runway for his civil suit. After much discussion it was decided that his request be referred back to the permitting authorities.

D.C. Report: Shannon presented an agenda for a cover crop & soil health forum on February 18 at the Cloquet Forestry Center. Also presented information on a Soil Health Workshop for Kanabec & Pine Counties to be held on February 26. **M/S/C** Johnson, Carda for board members & Kelly to attend this workshop. She mentioned the Farm Bill has passed, but everything is on hold until they get guidance from the national office.

MASWCD Legislative Briefing and Day at the Capitol – Kevin will try to go on the second day to meet individually with legislators. This will be discussed more at the March board meeting.

D.M. Report: Kelly reported he has been working on grant reporting and forestry plan updates.

Committee Reports: Gene attend forestry meeting in McGregor in Paul’s place. Mike reported that the Area III TSA will be hiring another engineer for the area. Mary Krueger had passed her probationary period at the Mora office. Mike reported that the Snake River Watershed Management Board & Citizens Advisory Committee meeting was canceled in January. Mike reported he attended the Kanabec County Water Plan update meeting and BWSR has approved the updated Kanabec County Comprehensive Water Plan.

Gene reported he & Knife Lake Improvement District & Sportsman’s Club members attended the county board meeting regarding the Knife River erosion issue. He also met with county coordinator, county attorney and county commissioner later. It was determined that they may not need landowners permission to get access to the property along the river as the landowner quit paying taxes on it and so the county can access it. The county is checking with their land attorney for confirmation.

Also discussed Kelly’s and Jan’s possible upcoming retirements.

Next board meeting March 11, 3:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned.

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