



KANABEC SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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MINUTES OF JANUARY 10, 2012 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

MEMBERS PRESENT: Gene Carda, Tom Demarais, Betty Wilkens, Kevin Belkholm,
Paul Hoppe

OTHERS PRESENT: Kelly Osterdyk, Jan Anderson, Shannon Rasinski, Chris Klucas, MPCA;
Jason Weirnerman, BWSR; Steve Haar, Jeff Hamme, Rich Anderson, Ann
Lake Watershed Alliance

Vice-Chairman Demarais called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm.

M/S/C Hoppe, Carda to designate Peoples National Bank of Mora our official depository for 2012.
M/S/C Belkholm, Hoppe seconded and approved to make the following committee assignments:
Paul Hoppe: SRWMB & Forestry; Tom Demarais: TSA 3; Gene Carda: RC&D.

M/S/C Hoppe, Belkholm to nominate Tom Demarais Chairman. **M/S/C Hoppe, Carda** to nominate
Kevin Belkholm Vice-Chairman. **M/S/C Wilkens, Carda** to nominate Paul Hoppe Secy/Treasurer.

M/S/C Hoppe, Carda to accept the minutes of the December 13, 2011 board meeting and also the
December 22, 2011 special board meeting.

M/S/C Wilkens, Carda to approve the financial report for December 2011.

A discussion was then held about the Ann Lake TMDL study and plan. Wenck Associates the
consultant for the project is preparing the draft report and has notified Chris Klucas of MPCA that
the draft report would be sent to him by Feb. 1; Chris reported that he is encouraging them to get it
in sooner. Other items discussed included project timelines, planning process and lake standards
and water quality improvements.

M/S/C Hoppe, Wilkens to accept the 2010 Audit. **M/S/C Belkholm, Hoppe** to pay the vouchers.
Discussion was held about the MASWCD dues invoice and SWCD budget. **M/S Hoppe, Wilkens**
to pay ¼ of the State dues; Belkholm moved, Carda seconded; carried to table payment of the dues
and request a hardship to pay the dues quarterly.

Old Business: Reviewed the grants update handout. Kanabec SWCD has applied for a CWP grant
for \$201,892; Snake River Watershed grant for \$300,000 and also SWCD \$20,000 Weed
Management Grant. Also, request to extend the current deadline to spend the current funds for the
weed management and clean water grant was accepted by BWSR. Another grant that was
discussed was the Conservation Partners Legacy Grant (CPL). The past year's cost-share projects
was reviewed.

Tom led a discussion on supervisor's per diems; in particular the special board meeting that was reconvened to another day at a project site. The consensus was the members would receive one per diem for both days, but mileage for each day; December 22 & 28 meetings.

Copies of 2011 Annual Plan were handed out; supervisors will review and be ready to discuss the 2012 Annual Plan at the next meeting in February.

M/S/C Carda, Wilkens to approve \$65 registration fee for Kelly to attend the Forestry workshop in Cloquet on January 11.

DC Report: Shannon's report was reviewed. They have been working on contract reviews for CSP, EQIP and WHIP. Deadline for EQIP signup is January 27; have seven potential applicants. Application deadline for CSP is January 13 for round one; have five potential applicants. Three site visits were done. Shannon reported that USDA is closing 259 offices, 24 of which are NRCS offices; also FSA in Hinckley will be consolidating with the Mora FSA office this fiscal year.

D.M. Report: Craig Wills our new DNR Area Hydrologist would like to meet with the SWCD board and also the Knife Lake Improvement District board sometime to discuss the Knife River erosion site near Knife Lake. He has offered grant writing assistance and TMDL plan reviewing.

Legislative Day at the Capitol is Feb. 15 & 16; it was decided that Paul, Kevin & Gene would go down the second day for the meeting with the legislators. **M/S/C Wilkens, Hoppe** to approve up to 3 members attend.

Discussed a letter Jason Weinerman had sent Paul Hoppe in response to some questions he asked; will follow up on this at the next board meeting. Tom asked that copies of the SWCD wage & benefit survey be made for the next meeting. Paul reminded everyone that any changes we make need to be consistent with the Personnel Policy. Kelly reported that we have had three recent requests for forest stewardship plans from landowners for the 2c-tax relief program.

Supervisors Reports: Paul reported that there were no Snake River or Forestry meetings in December. He mentioned that the RC&D Council will be having their state meeting in St. Cloud. Jan suggested a possible meeting with Chad Gramentz, new public works director/county engineer.

Next meeting will be February 14 at 3:30.

M/S/C Carda, Hoppe to adjourn at 7:15 p.m.

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