



## KANABEC SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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### MINUTES OF JANUARY 11, 2011 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Kelly Osterdyk, Jan Anderson, Nick Solomon

Paul Hoppe called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM. Gene Carda took the Oath of Office.

**Election of Officers:** Paul called for nominations for Chairman; Tom nominated Wayne, seconded by Kevin; carried. Wayne called for nominations for Vice-Chairman; Kevin nominated Tom; seconded by Paul, carried. Wayne called for nominations for Secy.-Treasurer; Kevin nominated Paul, Tom seconded, carried. M/S/C Hoppe, Belkholm to designate People's National Bank as our official depository.

**Committee Assignments:** TSA III – M/S/C Hoppe, Belkholm to appoint Tom. SRW CAC – M/S/C Belkholm, Carda to appoint Paul. Onanegozie RC&D – M/S/C Hoppe, Carda to appoint Wayne. M/S/C Hoppe, Demarais to appoint Herman Jackson member at large from Kanabec. Forestry Committee – M/S/C Demarais, Belkholm to appoint Paul Hoppe.

**Minutes:** M/S/C Demarais, Belkholm to approve the December 14, 2010 minutes.

**Financial Report:** M/S/C Demarais, Hoppe to approve the December financial report. M/S/C Belkholm, Demarais to approve payment of vouchers.

#### **Old Business:**

Cooperative Weed Management Grant – Nick Solomon, TSA III Vegetative Restoration Specialist was present to discuss the grant and handed out a copy of the proposed equipment rental agreement. M/S/C Hoppe, Belkholm to approve the agreement, pending submitting to and approval by the County Attorney for review & suggestions. A draft invasive species brochure was also handed out for review.

SWCD Comprehensive Plan: M/S/C Hoppe, Demarais to adopt the Kanabec County Water Management Plan as the Kanabec SWCD Comprehensive Plan. The Water Plan is due for a rewrite in 2016.

Plat Book Update: Jan reported that RedBarn plat books will soon be sending a draft copy of maps & plats for review.

Cost-Share Project Update – reviewed list of projects that were in the planning/design stages.

**New Business:**

The MASWCD annual dues are \$1,895 for 2011. Demarais made motion to pay dues in two payments; Belholm seconded. Demarais amended motion to request quarterly payment of dues; Hoppe seconded; motion approved.

**Grants & Contracts:** A list of current grants and contracts was reviewed.

**Ann Plan:** Kelly reported that the 2010 Annual Plan has been sent to board members by email; updates will be made for the 2011 plan and will be ready for review by the board at next month's meeting.

Area Envirothon Event Volunteers needed - Wayne volunteered to help at a station; the event will be held on May 2 at Camp Miller.

Training Request: Kelly requested approval to attend the Annual Forestry, Wildlife & Natural Resources conference, February 22, registration rate is \$135. M/S/C Demarais, Carda to approve Kelly to attend and hopefully will get the reduced rate for members.

Rural Preserve Program: Wayne asked about the plans Kelly will be writing; Kelly reported that he has met with 3 of the 20 landowners on the list to date.

Committee Reports: SRWMB CAC – Paul reported that there was not a meeting in December. TSA III - Tom attended the December 15 meeting; an Area III SWCD committee has submitted names for the Lessards- Sams council member from Area III; the Minnesota governor will make appointments.

RC&D – Wayne reported that there was not a December meeting, next meeting will be January 27; he also will be attending the January 25 audit meeting. Wayne added that he hopes to be elected the RC&D Chairman for 2011.

D.C. Report was handed out in Shannon's absence. Conservation Stewardship Program – Modifications made for 2 contracts; one contract cancelled, also have 2 maybe 3 current applicants. Signup extended to January 11. EQIP – Ranking deadline March 4. Did a site visit to one landowner who is interested in doing a variety of practices. Another landowner has 1 year left on his contract doing strip tilling. Technical assistance – one drainage request and doing HEL determinations.

D.M. Report: Copies of MASWCD Resolutions voting results from 2010 Convention were handed out. Kelly passed around a retirement card to sign for Kevin Daw, NRCS Area Conservationist.

Approval was given for Jan to put an ad in Advertiser submitting bids for old Xerox copier.

Joel Bischoff from Wenck Associates will be present next month to provide an update on the Ann River TMDL work plan. Tom asked to have another BWSR presentation by Jason Weinerman at a future meeting.

Next meeting scheduled for February 8, at 3:00 pm. M/S/C Hoppe, Demarais to adjourn the meeting at 5:17 p.m.

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