



KANABEC SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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MINUTES OF JANUARY 8, 2013 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

MEMBERS PRESENT: Betty Wilkens, Gene Carda, Paul Hoppe, Mike Johnson

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kevin Belkholm

OTHERS PRESENT: Kelly Osterdyk, Shannon Rasinski, Jan Anderson, Katelyn Matilla

Paul Hoppe called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m. Mike Johnson took the Oath of Office.

Election of Officers:

M/S/C Wilkens, Carda to nominate Paul Hoppe Chairman; **M/S/C** Wilkens, Carda to nominate Kevin Belkholm Vice-Chairman; **M/S/C** Wilkens, Carda to nominate Mike Johnson Secretary-Treasurer.

M/S/C Carda, Wilkens to approve minutes of December 11, 2012 board meeting as amended.

Katelyn Matilla recently hired as Onanegozie RC&D Coordinator was present to meet the board and discuss possible grant projects that Kanabec SWCD would like to have her work on.

M/S/C Johnson, Wilkens to designate Peoples National Bank as our official depository for checking & savings accounts. Committee Assignments: **M/S/C** Wilkens, Johnson to approve the following assignments: Onanegozie RC&D Gene Carda; TSA 3 – Mike Johnson; SRWMB – CAC – Paul Hoppe; Forestry – Paul Hoppe. **M/S/C** Carda, Johnson to keep supervisor per diems at \$50/day and mileage at 2013 IRS rate.

M/S/C - Carda, Wilkens to accept the financial report for December 2012. 2013 Dues: Request from Onanegozie RC&D for \$300 dues; in the past Kanabec County has paid the dues for Kanabec County, we will forward request on to the county for payment. MASWCD – state dues have increased – after some discussion Johnson made the motion, seconded by Wilkens to make a request to MASWCD for hardship dues, because of our budget restrictions, etc. **M/S/C** Carda, Johnson to pay the \$60 Forestry dues.

Old Business: Discussion was held on the St. Croix River Association meeting; 5 people from Kanabec attended on December 18. St. Croix Civic Organizing agreement – **M/S/C** Johnson, Wilkens to amend the agreement with Civic Organizing Inc. retroactive to October 12, 2012. The goal of this project is to get at least five people or organizations to use this pilot program. An introductory workshop will be held on February 7; **M/S/C** Wilkens, Carda to encourage supervisors who would like to attend to do so – per diems/mileage will be paid for board members attending this workshop.

M/S/C Wilkens, Johnson to approve Forestry Training on January 17 at CFC, fee is \$75.

D.C. Report: Shannon reported on conservation planning they have been working on; EQIP signup is coming up. NRCS is concentrating on soil health.

D.M. Report: Ann River TMDL Study – discussed contract with MPCA & Wenck & Assoc.; discussed reduction goals; the report is due out January 14 on MPCA’s website for public comment for 30 days; then the implementation plan will need to be completed.

M/S/C Johnson, Wilkens to increase Ann River TMDL budget by \$2,000 for grant reporting and other tasks. MPCA will send a contract amendment.

A copy of BWSR’s Technical Assistance Option Request for FY ’13 State Cost Share Base Grant was handed out; no action taken; tabled for one month. Kelly will contact Jason Weinerman about this option.

Kelly requested permission to purchase more weed chemical through the BWSR grant – M/S/C Carda, Johnson to approve \$400 for purchase of more chemical. Kelly reported that BWSR and MPCA grant reports are due February 17. A sheet was handed out listing the grants and contracts that we are working with.

Committee Reports: The only meeting to report on for December was the State Forestry Committee meeting that Paul attended; the committee is working on writing policy for Forestland Practices to be submitted to the state association to be incorporated statewide.

M/S/C Carda, Wilkens to adjourn at 7:03 p.m.

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