



## KANABEC SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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### MINUTES OF JANUARY 15, 2015 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Betty Wilkens, Gene Carda

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Kelly Osterdyk, Jan Anderson, Shannon Rasinski, Bobbie Gajewski

Chairman Hoppe called meeting together at 3:28 p.m.

Bobbie Gajewski, DNR Forestry was present to discuss the grant request for the Snake River State Forest Crossing on Pilot Street and Tributary to Snake River. Bobbie had attended the Ford Township Board meeting on January 14 to discuss the erosion control project.

Preliminary cost of project, based on TSA engineer's estimate is \$33,017; **M/S/C** Johnson, Belkholm contribute up to \$12,000, plus engineering, based on engineer's design.

Election of Officers:

Nominations for Chairman were requested, Mike nominated Paul Hoppe. **M/S/C** Johnson, Belkholm nominated Paul Hoppe as Chairman. Kevin was nominated for Vice-Chairman; **M/S/C** Johnson, Hoppe to nominate Kevin Belkholm. Kevin nominated Mike Johnson for Secy.-Treasurer; **M/S/C** Belkholm, Hoppe to nominate Mike Johnson, Secy.-Treasurer.

**M/S/C** Johnson, Belkholm to designate Neighborhood National Bank as our depository.

**M/S/C** Belkholm, Johnson to set mileage rate at IRS rate which is 57.5 cents per mile.

**M/S/C** Johnson, Belkholm to approve financial report for December 2014. **M/S/C** Belkholm, Johnson to pay vouchers and to pay state Association dues in payments as money is available. **M/S/C** Johnson, Belkholm to approve adjusting some of the budgeted figures to more closely reflect the actual figures for 2014.

Civic Governance – Kelly gave an update on the civic governance pilot project. He has been working with the Ann Lake Watershed Alliance on training and April 11 meeting. He is working on 2015 Annual Plan update for review.

D.C. Report: CSP – Renewed three FY '10 contracts for 5 more years. EQIP training scheduled for January 20 & 21 in St. Cloud. Soil Health Workshop February 4.

Kelly & Paul discussed meeting they attended on December 18 with BWSR and Pine SWCD representatives regarding shared services.

Letter of Agreement with Pine SWCD to provide Wetland Conservation Act Administration Assistance for a wetland ditch activity restoration. **M/S/C** Johnson, Hoppe to enter into agreement with Pine SWCD for services; Belkholm abstained.

Mike Johnson reported he had visited with Kanabec County Engineer about engineering assistance.

Lynn Erickson field erosion project - Mike Johnson to talk to TSA engineer about the project design and bring back report to our next meeting. Kelly will provide cost benefit figures.

District Manager Performance evaluation will be tabled until next month.

Area 3 funding options meeting on January 16 regarding stable funding and statutory allowance will be held in Carlton; Mike, Kelly and Jan will attend.

The Area 3 SWCD annual fall meeting will be hosted by Kanabec this year, the date is set for September 24. Mike related some ideas he had for the meeting/tour.

Kelly reported that we are waiting to hear about two grants we have applied for through BWSR; Snake River Watershed also has applied for two grants. We have until March 6 to apply for MPCA grants.

Legislative Days scheduled for January 26 & 27 in St. Paul. **M/S/C** Johnson, Belkholm to send board members who wish to go. Kelly training requests: February 3 Forest Health Workshop in Walker and February 24 Forestry & Wildlife Research & Review symposium. **M/S/C** Johnson, Belkholm to approve Kelly to attend.

Discussion was held on the District Manager's position when Kelly retires. Kelly reported that the Nature Conservancy is hiring a Watershed Coordinator, a 2-year position to promote & develop conservation easement in the Snake River and Kettle River Watersheds. The person could possibly be headquartered out of our office.

Paul reported on Forestry Committee meeting, discussed stable funding and the implications of placing the long eared bat on endangered species designation would have on the forestry industry.

Committee Assignments for 2015 – will remain the same: Mike Johnson – Snake River Watershed CAC and SWCD TSA 3. Paul – Minnesota Forestry Association.

Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, February 10 at 2:00 p.m.

**M/S/C** Johnson, Belkholm to adjourn at 5:58 p.m...

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