



KANABEC SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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MINUTES OF JULY 12, 2011 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

MEMBERS PRESENT: Gene Carda, Paul Hoppe, Tom Demarais

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kevin Belkholm, Wayne Anderson

OTHERS PRESENT: Kelly Osterdyk, Jan Anderson, Shannon Rasinski, Dave Copeland, NRCS; Jamie Voelk

Vice-Chairman Demarais called the meeting to order at 3:04 pm.

M/S/C Hoppe, Carda Hoppe to approve minutes for June 14, 2011 meeting as amended.

M/S/C Carda, Hoppe to approve the financial report for June.

D.C. Report: Shannon presented a report of program work – listing conservation certifications; construction site visits, CSP application, training & meetings. Local Work Group meeting for 2012 Farm Bill programs is scheduled for July 19 and need a board member to chair.

Old Business:

Reviewed 2012 draft budget; a final budget will be presented to the county board in August. We received insurance renewal notice from PEIP. More discussion will follow at August meeting. Dave Copeland, NRCS Area 3 Conservationist mentioned informing the county board of the federal farm programs and the amount of funding that comes into the county as a result of our partnership.

Ann River TMDL public meeting scheduled for July 14 has been postponed due to the state shut down; also the NEMO training for July 26 has been postponed. Kelly handed out a list of BWSR funded grants which can and cannot be worked on during the state shutdown.

Cost-Share: BWSR has approved our request to use the balance of our FY 2011 cost share for technical assistance. Three projects were recently completed and approved for cost-share payments from SRWMB and NRCS.

MASWCD – Has set a date of September 12 & 13 in Alexandria for supervisors & employees training – Governance 101 Conference.

Outstanding Conservationist Award for 2011 – Kelly mentioned the City of Mora and Shannon mentioned LeRoy Sipes. **M/S/C Hoppe, Carda** to nominate LeRoy Sipes; Tom mentioned that we keep the City of Mora in mind for next year.

Supervisor's Reports: Paul attended the SRWMB meeting; a new policy was developed for recording conservation projects on landowner's deed. Tom Reported that the TSA meeting has been cancelled until the State Budget is settled. Gene brought up an erosion issue of a Knife Lake Township Road. Paul will be attending the next Forestry meeting on July 21.

D.M. Report: Kelly presented a table showing Area 3 NRCS Minnesota Custom Rates which we will consider using in the future for determining forestry plantings and other practices when approving cost share projects. Recently was out to two new potential BMP projects. A schedule was passed out for the county fair booth for workers to sign up July 21-24. Kelly will be using annual leave from July 22 through August 2.

Jamie Voelk inquired about the SRWM/St. Croix Watershed, if an implementation plan will be done.

Dave Copeland discussed what counties his area now covers and staffing issues.

Performance reviews – Kelly did Jan's evaluation and the board will do Kelly's evaluation.

Next meeting scheduled for August 9 at 3:00.

M/S/C Carda, Hoppe to adjourn at 4:45 p.m.

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