



KANABEC SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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MINUTES OF JULY 8, 2014 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kevin Belkholm

OTHERS PRESENT: Kelly Osterdyk, Jan Anderson, Shannon Rasinski, Donna Walters-Nelson, Mary Krueger, Jason Weinerman

Chairman Hoppe called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

M/S/C Johnson, Wilkens to approve the consent agenda items which were the Minutes of the June 10, 2014 board meeting; June 2014 financial report. **M/S/C Wilkens, Johnson** to approve the minutes of the June 2, 2014 Special Board Meeting.

Mary Krueger, Area III TSA Engineering Technician was present to meet the board and report on what projects she will be working on in Kanabec County.

Old Business:

Approved SWCD Grant Verification (FY '11) Letter to BWSR in response to the BWSR grant verification letter to the SWCD dated June 3, 2014.

Knife River Erosion issue – Gene Carda reported that there have not been any new developments; and that KLID is meeting with the Kanabec County the next day. A letter from KLID had been sent to the landowner, but no response received yet.

Paul stated that the Jorgen's property on the north of Ann Lake may be a possibility for a conservation easement in the future. He said there will be a meeting set up to meet with family and agencies involved with conservation easements and putting the land in a permanent trust.

A response has been received from Ann River landowner expressing interest in the results of the 5-year study done on the Ann River Sub-Watershed area of the Snake River Watershed and possible CWF grant projects. Background information about the project will also be sent to the landowner. Paul will follow up in a week to set up a meeting with the landowner.

Cost-Share: 319 Groundhouse River Grant: Robin Persson brought in records of his nutrient plan and waste storage permit as requested by board last month. Kelly was directed to contact MPCA feedlot officer in regards to feedlot permit. **M/S/C Wilkens, Johnson** to approve encumbering funds for the hog waste storage facility, of up to \$27,000; based on a positive response from the MPCA feedlot officer and that Persson's are compliant with their nutrient management plan.

Cover Crop Cost-Share Plantings 319 Groundhouse River grant: M/S/C Wilkens, Carda to approve encumbering cost share funds for cover crop plantings contingent on using plan developed by NRCS and based on species availability for: Brad Wahlstrom, up to a maximum of \$1,910.14 not to exceed 75% of landowner's cost ; Rick Wahlstrom, up to a maximum of \$4,775.36 not to exceed 75% of landowner's cost; Duane Busch, up to a maximum of \$7,796.42 not to exceed 75% of landowner's cost.

M/S/C Wilkens, Johnson to approve revised FY 2015 Observation Well contract with DNR for \$30 per well reading; DNR is installing continuous monitoring data loggers on several wells throughout the state.

M/S/C Wilkens, Johnson to sell district's old tree planter at Paul's Auction Service next consignment sale. Gene Carda offered to haul it out there. Jan will get information on sale date, etc.

Kelly passed out the schedule for "manning" the county fair booth for supervisors and staff to fill in if available.

M/S/C Johnson, Wilkens to approve updated Civic Governance Consulting Agreement with extension through September 30, 2014.

MASWCD Conservationist's Award for 2014, need to be thinking of an eligible landowner to nominate for the award by August 22.

DC Report: Shannon presented her report: 2010 CSP first round participants are given option until September 12 to renew their contract for another 5 years. EQIP 4th application deadline is August 15, of the 15 applicants, 8 have been preapproved. She also reported on a WHIP contract termination; technical assistance provided and field visits. A Local Work Group to develop the conservation needs assessment is being scheduled for July 24, 1:30 p.m.

DM Report: Ann River CWF – Kelly reported he & Mary Krueger have been doing field work and assessments for several projects in the Ann River Watershed.

Kelly reported that he will be applying for a 319 MPCA grant for exploring the internal phosphorus loading in Ann Lake; we will partner with Wench Associates on the project. Application deadline is July 11; Mike suggested having a special meeting on Thursday, July 10 to review/approve application. M/S/C Johnson, Wilkens to applying for 319 grant, subject to final review at the special meeting.

Committee Reports: Mike attended SRWMB meeting; discussion was on landownership along Ann River. Mike also reported he attended the Area III TSA meeting; employee reviews were done and raises were given. Paul reported that he will be attending the State Forestry Committee meeting in Cloquet on July 17, a tour of the Sappi Mill will be done; Gene will also be attending.

Next meeting will be August 12 at 3:00 p.m. M/S/C Johnson, Carda to adjourn at 5:45 p.m.

Board and staff then met with Jason Weinerman to review and discuss the Strategic Planning Report.

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