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MINUTES OF JUNE 9, 2009 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

MEMBERS PRESENT: Paul Hoppe, Wayne Anderson, Karen Longerbone, Kevin Belkholm

MEMBERS ABSENT: Tom Demarais

OTHERS PRESENT: Kelly Osterdyk, Jan Anderson, Steve Haar, Ron Shellito, BWSR

Chairman Hoppe called the meeting to order at 4:45 p.m.

M/S/C Anderson, Belkholm to approve the Minutes for the May 12 meeting.

Budget discussion: Discussed bills currently due for payment and expected revenues. We are expecting the first half of the county allocation this month. **M/S/C** Anderson, Belkholm to pay plat book loan in full by July 1. **M/S/C** Anderson, Longerbone pay \$250 of MASWCD dues; pay \$650 IMPACK 6 project T.A. and pay other vouchers as presented. Kelly mentioned that he had met with Jason Weinerman, BWSR and Teresa Bearce, Environmental Services. Jason informed them that Kelly could bill the water plan for technical assistance hours for water plan projects. Teresa will need an invoice by end of June for payment.

Personnel Committee is scheduled to meet on June 10 at 5:00 p.m. to do Kelly's performance evaluation and continue personnel policy discussion. **M/S/C** Anderson, Longerbone to add Kevin Belkholm to Personnel Committee.

SWCD Farm: Jim Nelson, a logger brought in bid for cutting the hybrid poplar on the farm. **M/S/C** Belkholm, Anderson to allow Jim Nelson to chip all of the hybrid poplar he wants to take for \$4/ton. It was recommended to offer additional cutting of aspen on the property where needed to Jim Nelson.

TSA update – discussion on the contributions each SWCD made to IMPACK 6 as match in 2007. Chisago & Isanti have requested their funds be returned to them – for possibly giving to their new TSA group. It was decided that Kanabec SWCD will vote at the June 15 IMPACK 6 board meeting to not return any funds to the SWCD's or to return all funds to all SWCD's and not allow partial return of funds. **M/S/C** Longerbone, Belkholm to sign the agreement for forming the new TSA group. Also, Kanabec (Jan) will continue to administer the AgBMP loan program for the IMPACK 6 counties; except Chisago, should they decided to go on their own for the loan program.

Ron Shellito, BWSR Supervisor for Brainerd area discussed the district self-assessment program. Jason Weirnerman will be in contact with our office.

Paul Hoppe reported he & Karen had met to review Personnel Policies and discussed liabilities for leave and severance pay in policy. He also had met with County Coordinator & Environmental Services regarding the possibility of the district relocating to the courthouse due to high rent presently at our current office. Also, is questioning if Kelly is a salaried employee versus and hourly employee?

Cost-Share projects: Motion by Longerbone, seconded by Belkholm and approved to grant an extension to Mike Fetsik for his livestock fence exclusion from stream, until November 30, 2009; contract #08-06. Motion by Anderson, seconded by Belkholm and approved to grant an extension to Rick Westervelt for his sediment basin/runoff project until November 30, 2009; contract #08-01. Motion by Longerbone, seconded by Belkholm, and approved to cancel Lil Mandile's shoreline erosion project on Fish Lake at her request, due to financial reasons; contract #08-09. Kelly will make recommendation to them to allow vegetation on shoreline to grow rather than mowing it. Motion by Belkholm, seconded by Anderson, and approved to pay \$200 to Joy Handt for completion of abandoned well sealing; project #08-10. Motion by Anderson, seconded by Longerbone, and approved to encumber Mandile's funds for Lori Engblom – shoreline erosion control project, \$1,057.00; contract #08-12.

Discussion on pursuing obtaining grant funds with Onanegozie RC&D for demonstration project partnering with lake associations. Nick Solomon, IMPACK 6 if currently working on a shoreline demonstration project.

Annual Report to the county – Kelly will be going to a county board meeting to give the board a report on last year's activities & projects/programs. Will schedule it for end of June or early in July; Paul Hoppe or Wayne Anderson will make the actual presentation.

D.C. Report: Shannon Rasinski has started as Acting D.C for 30 days. She submitted a written report to the board. She gave some background information about herself and also reported on what she & Donna Nelson are currently working on.

D.M. Report: Kelly reported that application period will open June 15th for Groundhouse River 319 Implementation Cycle – due July 15. St. Croix Watershed basin local TMDL meeting is scheduled for June 22 in Pine County; Wayne & Kelly will be attending. St. Croix TMDL Restoration community meeting is June 10. Kanabec County fair booth – will share booth with Kanabec County Environmental Services & SRWMB. We can sign up for times to work at booth. We also need to prepare a draft budget for 2010 for July meeting.

Ann Lake Township Ann & Jeff Hamme erosion project – a neighbor of Jeff's came forward and said that part of the project is on his property. Only trees have been removed so far; project is on hold until the property lines have been determined.

MS/C Anderson, Longerbone to approve new DNR Observation Well Contract effective July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010, Jan monitors 3 wells for groundwater levels.

Wayne reported that at the Area III meeting he attended a representative from MCIT was present discussing Data Privacy issues. MCIT stated that one person in each SWCD must be responsible for data privacy issues and what information can be given out to the public. **M/S/C** Anderson, Belkholm that the District Manager be responsible for Data Privacy.

Wayne also mentioned that he has been attending county board meetings once a month. He asked if he should speak on behalf of the Kanabec SWCD if need be, it was agreed that he would representative the SWCD.

Next meeting scheduled for July 14; Paul will not be able to attend. **M/S/C** Anderson, Longerbone to end today's meeting at 7:55 and reconvene on June 30, 4:30 p.m. to follow up budget & personnel issues.

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