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**MINUTES OF MARCH 10, 2009 REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Tom Demarais

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Kelly Osterdyk, Jan Anderson, Steve Haar

Chairman Hoppe called the meeting to order at 4:40 p.m.

**M/S/C** Anderson, Longerbone to approve minutes of February 10, 2009 meeting, with one change in committee reports.

**M/S/C** Longerbone, Anderson to approve the financial report for February 2009 as presented.

**M/S/C** Anderson, Belkholm approved payment of the vouchers.

Budget Discussion: Board reviewed letter to be sent to MASWCD requesting "hardship exemption of our 2009 annual dues. Discussed current budget shortfalls. Kelly mentioned that he & Jan discussed reducing their paid work hours in order to make up the revenue shortfalls (i.e. county allocation reduction for 2009). **M/S/C** Anderson, Belkholm staff reduce pay roll to 74 hours; staff would receive 1 hour comp time for each hour of the 6 hours lost in wages.

Annual Plan: **M/S/C** Belkholm, Longerbone to submit a resolution to BWSR adopting the Kanabec County Comprehensive Water Plan as the SWCD's comprehensive plan.

District Annual Work Plan – reviewed and approved changes to the work plan. For the information and education objective – providing information to the public through a display at the fair booth – Steve Haar offered to talk to the Ann Lake Sportsman's Club about sharing a booth this year at the fair. **M/S/C** Anderson, Longerbone to approve the Annual Plan as reviewed.

Kelly presented a Work Load Needs Report which shows work/programs that need additional time to complete the programs; which would require an additional staff person to complete. Kelly & Paul Larson previously had presented this information to Teresa Bearce at Environmental Services & Alan Peterson, County Coordinator, it has not been presented to the county board. No decisions were made on this.

Cost-Share Projects Update: Motion by Anderson, seconded by Longerbone, approve to approve cost-share funds for Joy Handt for abandoned well sealing- the amount of \$240 or

50% of cost, whichever is less, contract #08-10, technical approval by Kelly Osterdyk This year's projects were listed and reviewed.

**M/S/C** Anderson, Belkholm for Jan to purchase Quick Books update at this time.

At the April 14 board meeting, Jason Weinerman, BWSR and Chris Klocus, MPCA will give a presentation on the TMDL program.

Legislative Day at the Capitol – Tom Demarais and Kelly attended evening session and met with Rep. Hilty, Rep. Foust & Sen. Lourey the next day and discussed issues regarding SWCD's. Paul Hoppe reported he met with representatives at the MPCA and discussed the TMDL program. Board discussed the upcoming TMDL project on the Snake River.

IMPACT 6 & TSA realignment – discussed the draft Joint Powers Agreement – establishing the new Area III TSA. Paul also reported he attended the Knife Lake Improvement District board meeting recently. Paul, Steve & Kelly attended the Ann Lake Sportsmen's Club meeting. Wayne attended the RC&D monthly meeting in Milaca; has been elected assistant Treasurer. Wayne was not able to attend Legislative Day as he had Jury Duty. **M/S/C** Anderson, Longerbone to submit draft Area TSA Joint Powers Agreement to county attorney for review and comment, requesting that it be back to us by April meeting.

**M/S/C** Anderson, Longerbone to approve DNR Forest Stewardship Planning Grant to apply for new funds for additional acres. Also discussed handout for other grant opportunities – will pursue one from the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation & USDA Forest Service for the Upper Mississippi River Watershed Fund; will take to SRWMB & also RC&D to maybe do an invasive species project – i.e. buckthorn control.

**D.C. Report:** Steve mentioned the Freedom of Information Act; gave a brief explanation, will discuss further next meeting and board will sign agreement to comply with the Act. Paul asked Steve to invite Kevin Daw, NRCS Area Conservationist to our May meeting.

Next board meeting scheduled for April 14.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

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