



KANABEC SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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MINUTES OF MARCH 13, 2012 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

MEMBERS PRESENT: Gene Carda, Tom Demarais, Kevin Belkholm, Paul Hoppe
Betty Wilkens

OTHERS PRESENT: Kelly Osterdyk, Jan Anderson, Shannon Rasinski, Linda Miller

Chairman Demarais called the meeting to order at 3:35

M/S/C Carda, Demarais to approve the minutes of the February 14 board meeting.

M/S/C Wilkens, Hoppe to approve the financial report for February. **M/S/C** Hoppe, Belkholm to pay the vouchers. 2011 Financial Closeout, question was asked about district project expenses being well over the budgeted amount. Jan & Kelly stated that the expenses were related to the TMDL projects, most of which were pass-through to other agencies and the final budgeted figures had not been revised accordingly. It was also questions if we have to claim the pass-through funds as district revenue. Jan will check with Bill Eisele at BWSR & Jen Johnson who assisted with the close out about these questions.

Jan reported that RedBarn Plat Books has been purchased by Mapping Solutions; working through a few issues between the two companies.

Betty inquired about the high school student job shadowing. Also, the student would be covered by the district's liability insurance if the student was injured through negligence by the district. It was suggested by our MCIT rep to have the student's parents sign a waiver of liability.

Grants/Projects Update was handed out. Kanabec SWCD was approved for a CWP (Clean Water Partnership) grant for \$201,892 from MPCA. The SWCD also applied for a Conservation Partners Legacy Grant from DNR Wildlife division. No word on this grant yet.

Ann River TMDL – meeting will be held on March 21, 9-12 to update the public. **M/S/C** Belkholm, Carda to approve all board member to attend. The SRW TMDL meeting will be on March 26, 12:30-3:00 2012; Kelly & Paul will attend after the SRWMB meeting.

The FY 2011 Final Cost-Share Program record was handed out; **M/S/C** Hoppe, Belkholm to accept the report which was signed by treasurer and sent to BWSR.

Linda Miller was present to discuss her Grade Stabilization & Vegetative Filter Strip project and request for cost-share. M/S/C Belkholm, Carda to approve cost share for Linda's project from FY 319 Grant funds for \$7,214.33 which is 75% of the low bid of \$9,619.10.

BWSR Biennial Budget Review meeting – Kelly attended training in Duluth recently. The new budget review requirement will replace the SWCD annual plan and provide better information for BWSR to approach the legislature when it comes to budget requests and needs from local SWCDs.

A letter to the SWCDs from Larry Nelson, Executive Director of the Onanegozie RC&D Council regarding the Council's future and viability and asked SWCD managers how RC&D can assist counties and SWCDs develop and work on projects in their area.

Annual report to the county board; a time will be scheduled to present 2011 activity report to the county board; as many board members that can attend are encouraged to do so.

D.C. Report: Shannon handed out a report of work activities. She thanked Paul & Kelly for meeting with area office staff during NRCS's field office review.

D.M. Report: Kelly reported he has three forest stewardship plans to be completed by May 1. The Protecting the St. Croix Basin annual meeting will be held April 24 in River Falls, WI; registration is \$55; M/S/C Hoppe, Carda to send Kelly and any supervisor who wanted to attend the meeting.

Kelly requested approval to attend septic recertification training. M/S/C Wilkens, Hoppe to approve the cost for Kelly to attend the septic soils continuing education class on June 27. Gene made a motion for Kelly to take time to attend design/inspector on his own; motion died for lack of second. It was agreed that Kelly could attend the septic design/inspector session if he chose to at his own expense because the board felt it was not required for his district job.

Committee Reports: Paul attended the state forestry committee meeting in McGregor; the state ag inspector was present to discuss the future of the state nurseries. There were no other reports as no other committees had met.

Gene reported he had met with Craig Wills the DNR Area Hydrologist for our area and looked at the Rosnow property down river from Gene's property.

The SRWMB did not receive new grant funds this year, so the cash flow will be limited; hopefully the board will use some of their available cash for projects brought to the board.

Kevin Belkholm attended the Legislative Day at the Capitol in February and met with our State representatives.

Next meeting is scheduled for April 10, 4:00 p.m.

M/S/C Wilkens, Belkholm to adjourn at 6:30 p.m.

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