



## KANABEC SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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### MINUTES OF MARCH 11, 2014 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Kelly Osterdyk, Jan Anderson, Donna Walters-Nelson

Chairman Hoppe called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m:

M/S/C Johnson, Carda to approve the consent agenda items which were the Minutes of the February 11, 2014 Board Meeting, and the SWCD 2014 Annual Work Plan. M/S/C Carda, Johnson to approve the Financial Report for February as presented. M/S/C Johnson, Carda to approve payment of voucher.

Donna presented the D.C. Report for Shannon Rasinski. She gave an update on the Farm Bill & EQIP. EQIP dollar amounts on hold for now, waiting for guidance from national office. Also reported on meetings, trainings, and the Conservation Stewardship Program. Donna is now a Certified Nutrient Management Planner; she is assisting the Mille Lacs NRCS office while they are without a technician.

M/S/C Johnson, Carda to approve board members to attend Legislative Day at the Capitol. Kevin & Paul indicated they will go on the second day to meet with our legislators.

Ann River Clean Water Fund grant; discussed letter that was sent out to landowner regarding grant support for projects.

Civic Governance: Kelly reported on the March 6 meeting at which 23 people attended; also representatives from Ann & Fish Lakes. We will follow up with information and assistance to the lake association members.

Paul and Mike reported on the February 27 St. Croix Forestry Conference.

M/S/C Carda, Wilkens to proceed with DNR CPL Butternut and Elm grant, depending on if trees are still available from nursery.

The board discussed transition planning with the staff.

Discussed MASWCD District Funding Initiative -the need for additional SWCD financing authorities; it was decided to invite Jason Weinennan, BWSR to a board meeting to discuss the proposed options.

The Kanabec Township Officers meeting is scheduled for April 8, 7:00 p.m. at the courthouse; Kanabec SWCD is on the agenda to give a report on Civic Governance pilot grant and Clean Water fund grants.

M/S/C Wilkens, Johnson to allow Kelly and board members who wish to go to the St. Croix Basin Conference on April 8 registration fee is \$55.

Kelly gave a report on his activities relating to forestry, grant reporting and wetlands. March 31 MPCA will do an audit on the Clean Water Partnership grant expenses.

Wetlands Grant verification -The BWSR has been going through a grant verification process for FY 2011 grants with the county and the SWCD. BWSR is working with the county and SWCD to resolve the expenses for the wetlands grant.

Supervisor Reports: Gene reported the next Onanegozie RC&D meeting will be the end of March at which time the council will disband; all remaining funds will be divided up among members.

Mike attended the SRWMB; he reported they worked on bylaw changes and that he was elected Vice-Chair of the Citizens Advisory Committee of the SRWMB. Mike also reported the TSA will be hiring an engineer through a BWSR Clean Water fund grant.

Meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

 approved 4/15/14 date