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MINUTES OF MAY12, 2009 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

MEMBERS PRESENT: Paul Hoppe, Wayne Anderson, Karen Longerbone, Tom Demarais

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kevin Belkholm

OTHERS PRESENT: Kelly Osterdyk, Jan Anderson, Steve Haar, Jason Weinerman, BWSR;
Dana Raines, Onanegozie RC&D

Chairman Hoppe called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m.

M/S/C Anderson, Demarais to approve the Minutes for the April 14 meeting with the correction that Karen Longerbone was absent.

Dana Raines handed out copies of RC&D's annual report for 2008. He discussed some of the projects they are currently involved with and added that anyone can submit projects to RC&D for consideration. Currently they are looking for lakeshore projects to do shoreline habitat.

Jason Weinerman discussed BWSR's Self Assessment Program that the district can take part in. **M/S/C** Anderson, Demarais for Kanabec to participate. Jason will come to next month's meeting with more information.

M/S/C Anderson, Longerbone to approve the financial report for April and pay the vouchers.

Old Business: Kelly reported that a logger stopped in and reported that he will look at the hybrid poplar stand on the district farm to harvest; he has not returned with a proposal. Discussion was also held on whether we can sell the land; Kelly checked with the FSA office. Their opinion was that we could not sell it. Wayne reported that he had spoken with Keith Grow at BWSR about the possibility of selling wetland credits on the wetland restoration on the farm. More information will be gathered.

IMPACK 6 TSA Update – Paul attended last I6 board meeting. He reported that Kanabec SWCD needs to approve the termination of the joint powers agreement. **M/S/C** Demarais, Anderson to approve the resolution to terminate the IMPACK 6 agreement. Also discussed the AgBMP Loan Program administered by Jan for the 6 counties. It has yet to be decided by the individual counties if they want Kanabec to continue handling the program and how will Kanabec be reimbursed for Jan's time.

Area III Resolution Meeting to be held on June 5 at Carlton. Kanabec doesn't have any resolutions to submit at this time. It was undecided who from the board will be attending.

Envirothon – held May 4 at Camp Onomia near Onamia, Kelly, Jan & Tom attended/participated. Tom served as a judge for the oral presentation station.

SRWMB – Paul attended the April meeting. He reported that Snake River WMB has hired a seasonal worker who is doing the stream samplings. The SR board discussed various projects but no decisions were made.

New Business: Cost-Share: Motion by Anderson, seconded by Demarais, approved, to extend Roy Brasch livestock exclusion project contract #07-04 until November 30, 2009. Motion by Anderson, seconded by Longerbone, approved, to encumber \$1,000 or 75%, whichever is less of 2009 funds for Jeff Hamme/Ann Lake Township – erosion and runoff control in shorelands, contract #09-01. Technical approval by Nichole Sternquist, I6 Engineer. Motion by Anderson, seconded by Demarais, approved, to extend the contract deadline until November 30, 2009 for Joy Handt, abandoned well sealing on Knife Lake; contract #08-10. Motion by Anderson, seconded by Demarais, approved, to encumber up to \$1,750.40 (not to exceed 75% of total project cost) of 2008 & 2009 funds for Groundhouse River/Brunswick Township Road – erosion & runoff control in Snake River floodplain, contract #08-11. Technical approval by Nichole Sternquist, I6 Engineer.

SWCD Performance Standards/Evaluations will need to be done. Paul reported that he met with an accountant regarding the district's severance pay for employees. Paul recommended that a Personnel Committee be formed to review the policies. **M/S/C** Demarais, Anderson to form committee made up of Paul, Wayne & Karen; they will meet on Wed., May 20, 5:30, p.m. Jason Weirnerman discussed the SWCD Performance Standards – Level I which the district will be evaluated on.

D.C. Report: Steve reported that May 22 is the deadline for the screening EQIP applicants for this sign up period. They currently have 3 applicants. Steve reported that this is his last SWCD meeting before his retirement. His position is being advertised with an application deadline of June 11. Thanks were given to Steve for his years of service to Kanabec County.

D.M. Report: Kelly mentioned that he was invited by Jamie Volk from Kanabec Township to attend what he thought was a meeting of the Kanabec Township board to discuss district projects, etc. He did not realize that it was an actual "town hall" meeting to which several dignitaries and elected officials had been invited, so an earlier notice wasn't given to our board members. He mentioned that the workload has been very busy, with just finishing up with trees, etc. and now doing 5 RIM easement inspections, TMDL work and trying to get it done on the reduced hours for the staff. Tom inquired about what they can do to help the situation?

Next meeting scheduled for June 9.

M/S/C Longerbone, Anderson to adjourn at 6:35 p.m.

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