



KANABEC SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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MINUTES OF MAY 15, 2012 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Gene Carda

OTHERS PRESENT: Kelly Osterdyk, Jan Anderson, Shannon Rasinski, Rob Vernon

Chairman Demarais called the meeting to order at 4:03 pm.

M/S/C Wilkens, Hoppe to accept as presented the minutes of the April 10, 2012 board meeting.

Rob Vernon, Girl Scout leader, was present to discuss the Girls Scouts 2012 Take Action Project. The Braham Girl Scout Group would like to do participate in a Community Clean-Up for Water Quality on October 13, 2012 for GSA's Centennial Day of Service. Paul, Tom & Betty will be present at lake accesses within the county to teach the scouts about water quality. This event is part of our new CWP grant.

M/S/C Belkholm, Wilkens to approve the financial report for April. **M/S/C Wilkens, Hoppe** to approve the vouchers for payment and for staff to work on a timeline report on our various grants.

Report to county board: The SWCD met with the county board on April 11. Paul gave an overview of our 2011 activities.

County Geologic Atlas: On April 13 Tom, Betty, Kelly & Jan met with Chad Gramentz & Theresa Wickham about participating in developing the atlas.

MASWCD District Self Evaluation – went through and evaluated Kanabec SWCD.

M/S/C Wilkens, Hoppe to approve submitting a resolution for the Area 3 meeting, addressing watershed & basin planning approach to solving water quality issues.

Clean Water Partnership Grant – Cost-Share for Leroy Sipes diversion, grade stabilization and critical area planting project: **M/S/C Wilkens, Belkholm** to approve cost-share for up to 75% not to exceed \$5,208.64; contingent on receiving grant funds from MPCA.

319 Groundhouse River Grant: Linda Miller's Critical Area Seeding/Grade Stabilization for erosion control project; **M/S/C Belkholm, Hoppe** to approve payment of \$7,214.33 which is 75% of project cost, when we receive the funds.

Discussed Robert Isom's Ann Lake critical area seeding project that was recently completed.

M/S/C Wilkens, Hoppe to approve supervisors/staff to attend June 1 Area 3 Resolution Meeting.

Discussed the current weed wrench equipment lease fee which is \$20 per week; we have had some comments that the price was too high; it was decided to leave the rental rate at \$20/week. We need to promote the availability of the wrenches more.

D.C. Report: Shannon presented her report; she & Donna have been working on CSP – 6 field verifications; EQIP – 7 new signups; received area office assistance from the grazing specialist for 3 farmers; and the GIS specialist put on Arc GIS map making training for NRCS, TSA and SWCD staff. They also participated in a FAC meeting for our building issues; and other various activities. Shannon also had a call from a KLID board member; they are looking for some entity to proceed with condemnation of the Knife Lake public accesses. Also discussed the Knife River erosion problem; and the possibility of installing a diversion on Gene Carda's property which is upstream from the streambank erosion; Shannon will follow up with DNR and Gene Carda.

Kevin Belkholm reported that the access/steps along the Brunswick Township road on the Snake River are washing out. The district had previously cost shared on that project. Township officials will be notified about the erosion situation.

D.M. Report: Kelly reported he has been contacted by a NDSU student – a soil science major who is interested in internship/job shadowing with our office. It was agreed that the student would need to sign a waiver of disclaimer of liability for the district. Also, 2 Mora High School students have expressed interest in doing water monitoring on Mora Lake; we also need a volunteer for Devils Lake. Kelly, (with Nick's assistance) is currently doing storm water monitoring at five sites around Mora.

Supervisor's Report; Tom reported that the TSA personnel committee is looking at various options to address the engineer vacancy. SRWMB CAC – budget was discussed and requesting TSA support for the Vegetative Restoration Specialist.

Paul attended the Forestry Committee Meeting at which they had a speaker discussing Emerald Ash Borer.

It was decided to hold a special board meeting to address the wage & benefit report and medical insurance benefits on Monday, June 11 at 4:00 p.m.

Next regular board meeting scheduled for Tuesday, June 12 at 4:00.

M/S/C Wilkens, Belkholm to adjourn at 8:45 p.m.

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