



KANABEC SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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MINUTES OF MAY 20, 2014 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Kelly Osterdyk, Jan Anderson, Jason Weinerman, BWSR

Chairman Hoppe called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

M/S/C Johnson, Carda to approve the consent agenda items which were the Minutes of the April 15, 2014 board meeting; March 2104 financial report; and Snake River Watershed letter of support.
M/S/C Johnson, Carda to approve payment of the vouchers.

Old Business:

Kelly, Paul and Mike reported on the SWCD report to the county board. Also, discussed buffers and state buffer law. It was decided to meet sometime with county board & staff to discuss buffers.
M/S/C Wilkens, Johnson to prepare a resolution asking MASWCD to work with AMC (Association of Minnesota Counties) on riparian buffers at the June 4 Area 3 Resolution meeting. Want MASWCD to work with AMC on a process to facilitate getting information out to the public. Kanabec SWCD will have a special meeting on June 2, 8:00 a.m. to review/approve the resolution drawn up by Kelly.

New Business:

St. Croix River Assoc. meeting on May 21, Kelly will be attending and will bring up the buffer issue to seek input from the group.

Cost-Share Items: Discussed field gullies – outreach to work with landowners who rent their fields, and crop farmers to provide assistance. There is a potential project near Fish Lake that involves severe cropland erosion on rented land.

M/S/C Johnson, Wilkens to approve Kelly's training request for a forestry class and registration up to \$100.

Jan reported on a new groundwater monitoring site in the county set up by the DNR. She also gave a reminder of supervisor filing for SWCD board ends June 2. Gene Carda indicated he is going to file for his supervisor position again.

Onanegozie RC&D – received our share of the final monetary dissolution of RC&D; the amount was \$1,819.27. It was decided to use the check for purchasing new signs for the district/county lines.

Committee Reports:

Paul reported on Forestry Committee - next meeting there will be a tour of the Sappi Mill; July 21-25 is the Regional Ag Forester Conference in Winona. The Forestry Association applying for a CWF grant to hire a Regional Forester/Coordinator. M/S/C Wilkens, Carda to send a letter of support for the forestry council's proposal.

Trees Sales: Jan reported that the last of the trees were sold on an auction on May 17.

LCCMR –Project through St. Croix River Assoc. - Kelly & Mary working on GIS spreadsheet to identify potential projects for phosphorus reductions in high priority areas of the county.

Next SWCD board meeting set for June 10, 3:30 p.m.

Jason Weirnerman was present to work with board and staff on SWCD planning process, relating to long-term goals and vision. Jason also provided handouts. He will be back at the July 8 board meeting to continue further planning with the board and staff.

M/S/C Carda Belkholm to adjourn meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

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