



## KANABEC SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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### MINUTES OF MAY 12, 2015 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Gene Carda

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Kelly Osterdyk, Jan Anderson, Shannon Rasinski, Jason Weinerman

Chairman Hoppe called meeting together at 2:41 p.m.

M/S/C Minutes from April 14 Regular Board Meeting and April 21 Special Board Meeting were approved. M/S/C Johnson, Belkholm to approve financial report for April as presented.

M/S/C Wilkens, Johnson to pay the vouchers.

Jason Weinerman, BWSR presented a summary of the SWCD Mile Post Worksheet turned in by board members. Also discussed Five Year Strategic Directions and made additions to. Discussed the Kanabec County 2016 Water Plan update and SWCD's role in writing the plan. It was decided to request a meeting with Teresa at Environmental Services on May 28 and Kelly, Betty Wilkens, Mike Johnson and Deanna Pomije to request the SWCD have a more active role in the water plan.

Kelly reported we were unable to follow up with a background check through the BCA of the new DM Deanna Pomije because the release we obtained was not notarized and there would not be time to get another release before she starts on May 18. M/S/C Johnson, Wilkens to wave background check because of her prior employment with NRCS; Belkholm opposed.

Snake River Coordinator position – Kelly checked, as requested, with East Central RDC about possible office space available to rent for the new SR Outreach Coordinator. It was also decided that it would not work out to house the person in with the TSA technician. It was decided to return the office space search back to Kanabec County Environmental Services.

M/S/C Johnson, Wilkens to send board and staff members who wish to go to the Area 3 Resolution Meeting on June 5 in McGregor.

Staff & board discussed/reviewed budget; with overlap in District Manager salaries; Kelly's severance and also the need to purchase two new computers. M/S/C Johnson, Wilkens to authorize two computers through the USDA and may spend up to \$955 each.

D.C. Report: Shannon reported that the new NRCS State Conservationist, Cathee Pullman will be starting on May 17. Shannon is acting DC in Mille Lacs County for up to 120 days. She reported

that they are in process of applying to hire a Farm Bill Biologist to work in Kanabec and Pine Counties; and may be housed in Mora. She also said that there will be a Soil Health Day in Pine County on September 15. Also reported on other meetings, program activities and trainings she & staff have been involved with.

Kelly presented copies of a consultant agreement with Wenck Asso. to work on the City of Mora Stormwater Assessment; will be assessing the five storm drains we have been monitoring and will also be site between Spring Lake and Lake Mora. The agreement approval was tabled until next month when the contact name can be updated on the agreement.

Cost-Share: Gordon Lobdell, abandoned well sealing – M/S/C Johnson, Belkholm to approve cost share funds up to 75% of the low bid which was \$565. Mark Peterson – Fish Lake shoreline erosion project; M/S/C Wilkens, Johnson to approve funds up to 75% of the preliminary estimate of \$7,016 from Ann River – BWSR CWF grant.

M/S/C Wilkens, Johnson to approve supporting the Farm Bill Assistance Biologist agreement.

Lynn Erickson field gully erosion/gully project – Kelly reported that Lynn has decided to go with the rock lined channel option and seed down waterway area on his own.

New grants were briefly discussed. 2015 Clean Water Partnership and 319 Ann Lake internal loading feasibility study through MPCA.

Kelly expressed his appreciation to the board for his years at Kanabec SWCD.

Open House planned for Kelly's last day; Friday, May 29, 2-4 p.m.

Committee Reports: Paul reported on Forestry meeting at McGregor; PICKM meeting at Long Lake, Isanti County; St. Croix Conference; and April 22 report of annual activities to the Kanabec County Board.

Next meeting June 9, 4:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30.

 approved 6/9/15 date