



KANABEC SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 9, 2010 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kevin Belkholm

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

Chairman Hoppe called the meeting to order at 3:05 PM.

Minutes: M/S/C Anderson, Demarais to approve the October 12, 2010 minutes as presented.

Financial Report: M/S/C Demarais, Anderson to approve the October financial report.
M/S/C Anderson, Longerbone to pay regular monthly vouchers.

Old Business:

St. Croix Basin November 1 meeting in Grantsburg area – Paul, Wayne & Kelly attended. This was the first meeting with SWCD's in the Minnesota in the basin area. The group met to coordinate water quality goals and improvements.

Lessard-Sams Council appointment; we had submitted Betty Wilken's name for council member to the Area III nominating committee, but they had already sent in their recommendations for people in northern Minnesota.

Jason reported that BWSR will now be doing cost-share spot checks (10%) rather than cost-share audits as they have done in the past, due to staff & time constraints. SWCD's must continue to enter cost-share projects in E-Link.

District 4 Soil & Water Election – Gene Carda was elected. Will invite him to the Dec. meeting and send him district information to read prior to his first official meeting in January.

TMDL Ann River Work Plan – The consultant - Wenck Associates will invoice us; we will bill MPCA and pass through the funds. M/S/C Anderson, Demarais to sign the Consulting Agreement with Wenck & Associates. Jason asked about the 30 day turnaround time for payments, Kelly said that Wenck was willing to extend that to 60 days.

New Business:

Our Comprehensive Plan Resolution expires by the end of 2010. We adopted Kanabec County's Water Plan for our plan in the past. We will have a copy of the updated Kanabec County Water Plan to review at the next board meeting.

Cost Share: Motion by Anderson, seconded by Longerbone to approve payment for the Brunswick Township Road/Streambank Erosion Project, contract #09-06, \$7,784.73, approved.

Committee Reports:

Snake River WMB/CAC: Paul didn't attend last meeting. Wayne reported that it was combined meeting at the project site at the Crow's Nest on Knife Lake.

Onanegozie RC&D: Wayne reported that he would like to be reappointed next year to the RC&D Council. The members want to get soil & water representatives in officer positions on the council. Up to now, it has only been county commissioners. Wayne mentioned he would like to be Chairman next year.

Area III TSA: Tom stated there was no meeting in November; they meet quarterly. Next meeting is planned for December 15.

D.C. Report:

Shannon reported that she & Donna have been working on and completed the Activity Based Counting. They have three Prescribed Grazing contracts signed. She said they have two landowners who have shown interest in buckthorn control and prescribed grazing. One landowner is experimenting with "hogging off" buckthorn. Conservation Stewardship Program application deadline is extended to January 7. Shannon stated that the DC's have been approved to attend the MASWCD Convention.

D.M. Report:

Kelly asked the board to let him know if they ever feel there is a conflict with him being an employee of Kanabec SWCD and a board member on Pine SWCD. Board assured him that it is perfectly legal and they don't see a conflict.

Rural Preserve Tax Program – Kelly has 18 plans to do. He continues to do the Snake River Watershed water monitoring. Also working on a wetland replacement plan with Tech Panel. The project includes a runway construction where the runoff and sediment is flowing to a county ditch, which flows to a tributary to the Ann River.

Miscellaneous: Tom inquired on behalf of the Kanabec Conservation Club which owns land in northern part of county for which the high taxes are a burden to the club, if there's any kind of program to help. Kelly suggested looking into a forest stewardship plan and the tax programs involved with planning. Wayne stated that the RC&D Council is working on a long-range county park plan for Kanabec County. Also discussed speaking to and inviting Roger Crawford, our new state representative from Mora, to a meeting and discussing SWCD issues with him.

Discussed possible rental/use fee on the weed wrenches when loaned out; no action taken. It was decided that we need to have landowners sign a maintenance agreement; users will replace if the wrench is not returned.

Next meeting scheduled for December 14 at 3:00. This will be Karen's last meeting; we will have potluck following the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 5:10 P.M. _____ approved _____ date