



KANABEC SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 8, 2011 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

MEMBERS PRESENT: Gene Carda, Tom Demarais, Betty Wilkens, Kevin Belkholm

MEMBERS ABSENT: Paul Hoppe

OTHERS PRESENT: Kelly Osterdyk, Jan Anderson, Shannon Rasinski

Vice-Chairman Demarais called the meeting to order at 3:03 pm.

Kelly reported on BWSR Academy training he attended. For the Clean Water Funds districts receive, they will be required to prepare a biennial budget report as well as report on projects planned for the next two years. Other training focused on Water Plans and water monitoring projects.

M/S/C Wilkens, Belkholm to approve minutes for the October 11, 2011 meeting.

M/S/C Wilkens, Belkholm to approve the financial report for October. Tom signed the two year space agreement.

Envirothon 2012 – looking for judges for the oral presentation station; Betty may be able to help; will also check with Paul.

CWF-CWMA payment request – **M/S/C** Belkholm, Carda to approve payments to Kanabec SWCD for \$529.47; to Area III TSA for \$850.50; from Cooperative Weed Management Grant funds.

Cost-Share update: Kanabec SWCD will be receiving \$12,489 for 2012 cost-share funds. An update project report was reviewed.

DM Report:

Kelly reported that he will be working on applying for a Snake River Watershed CWP grant through MPCA with Kanabec County and other SWCDs.

Forest Stewardship Plans: Kelly is currently working on two plans of 300 – 400 forestry acres. Pasture pump – had a request from landowner in Aitkin County; will refer back to a previous month's minutes to see what price the board had set on it.

Kelly & TSA staff will be working on a TMDL land use survey to identify dairy/beef farms (from the road) as well as erosion and other land use information. Buckthorn survey work will also be completed for the Cooperative Weed Management Grant.

No supervisors reports. SRWMB and CAC toured Kevin Mathison's feedlot project that was recently completed through watershed funds.

Gene Carda reported that there has been no more progress on the Knife River erosion problem near his property.

Tom Demarais inquired about the hybrid poplar trimming as was discussed some time ago.

Betty asked about future grant opportunities.

DC Report: Shannon reported on some of the projects she & Donna Nelson are working on: Seasonal High Tunnel, buckthorn removal, ag waste pit closure, crop check out, conservation plan for highly erodible land, manure spreader calibration. Also getting prescribed grazing certification; certified wetland determinations and Conservation Stewardship Program payments.

Next meeting will be December 13 at 4:00 p.m. with potluck to follow; will be inviting Wayne Anderson and his wife to attend.

M/S/C Wilkens, Carda to adjourn at 4:58 p.m.

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