



## KANABEC SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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### MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 19, 2013 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

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

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

Chairman Hoppe called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

**M/S/C Johnson, Belkholm** to approve minutes of October 8 Board Meeting. **M/S/C Johnson, Carda** to approve minutes, with changes, of the October 22 Special Board Meeting.

**M/S/C Belkholm, Carda** to approve Financial Report for October as presented. **M/S/C Johnson, Carda** to pay the vouchers.

Old Business: MASWCD Convention: **M/S/C Johnson, Wilkens** to approve registration for State Convention for Kelly & Paul for Tuesday, December 3 and Cooperator's luncheon tickets and to reallocate funds in the budget as needed. Envirothon and plat book discussion was tabled for future information.

Kelly handed out information about the about the St. Croix River Association's forestry conference to be held February 27, 2014.

Kelly gave an update & information on the Civic Governance Pilot Project he has been working on with MPCA & Civic Org., Inc.

Cost –Share Projects: Tom Felger Feedlot Project; Betty Wilkens **moved**; **seconded** by Mike Johnson to approve a partial payment of \$17,040.21 of the \$25,059.13 we have set aside from the Clean Water Partnership grant, for the work completed to date, motion was **approved**.

D.C. Report: Shannon handed out copies of her report. She discussed active EQIP projects and certifications they have been working on. Also, certified wetland determinations, handled whistle blower complaints on HEL fields; CSP – reviewing contracts & making payments. County emergency board (FSA) – Pine & Kanabec are requesting to be considered a disaster county for grass hay. Also, participated in Cover Crop Field Day in Chisago & Kanabec Counties and other activities.

D.M. Report: Kelly reported on the status of the Snake River Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategy report. He also, mentioned that we were approved for a new prescribed burning grant through DNR.

Committee Reports: Paul – next SRWMB meeting is November 25 in Mille Lacs. Paul said he signed up for the conference Green Lands Blue Waters for Nov. 20 & 21, he paid registration and asked if SWCD would pay his per diem. **M/S/C** Carda, Johnson to approve Paul's per diem for November 20 & 21 to attend conference.

Jan inquired if we would like to ask the Kanabec County board if they would like to have a commissioner represent the county on our SWCD board. **M/S/C** Johnson, Carda to invite the county to appoint a commissioner to our board; a letter will be submitted to the county.

Discussed doing another newsletter in next few months and what we would like to have in it. Betty reported she will be attend the county board meeting the next day with a rep from DNR to discuss a DNR/County land swap. PICKM alliance meeting: Kelly, Paul, Kevin & Gene attended;/ Roger Hugill, DNR Fisheries Manager for the Hinckley area was the guest speaker.

Paul asked for comments and evaluation of the meeting; discussed length of board meetings and time management, prioritizing items for discussion; agreement was the 2 hour meetings are adequate, Betty suggested that if meeting goes beyond 2 hours that a motion could be made for a 15 minute extension if necessary and that action items be first on the agenda. Mike suggested using a consent agenda on some of the items, he will help get that set up.

Next meeting scheduled for December 10, 3:00-5:00, with potluck to follow. Board then completed Kelly's performance review; Kelly had done Jan's review prior and gave the board a copy.

**M/S/C** Wilkens, Belkholm to adjourn at 5:40 p.m.

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