



KANABEC SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 18, 2014 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Kelly Osterdyk, Jan Anderson, Donna Walters-Nelson, Joyce Sawatzky

Chairman Hoppe called meeting together at 3:05 p.m.

M/S/C Carda, Johnson to approve minutes from October 14, 2014 board meeting. **M/S/C** Johnson, Carda to approve financial report for October and pay the vouchers.

M/S/C Johnson, Carda to adopt the Kanabec County Water Plan as the Comprehensive Plan of the Kanabec SWCD for 2015-2017.

Rent increase request: Discussed landlord's request for increase in what we pay in square footage as well as increase in number of square feet we pay for. Jan checked locally what rental rates are; the following was approved: **M/S/C** Carda, Johnson to make a counter offer to the landlord; **M/S/C** Wilkens, Carda to offer to rent 230 sq. ft at \$12 per square foot.

New Business:

The Nature Conservancy has been working with local partners to promote conservation easements on private lands within the Snake and Kettle Watersheds. An education and out-reach plan is being developed. The Nature Conservancy is hiring a technician who will work out of an office within the watershed.

Civic Governance – Kelly passed out a handout of a check list for beginning a particular organizing project. More specific information will be provided for the next meeting.

Ann River erosion issue – Kelly is trying to make contact with landowner along the Ann River to assess erosion sites.

D.C. Report given by Donna Nelson reported on EQIP and CSP activities they have been involved in. Also reported on technical assistance, field visits, training and other activities they have been involved with.

Committee Reports: Mike Johnson is on the City of Mora's planning commission and talked about a new type of storm water treatment structure that could be used for the city's upcoming street project.

Paul Hoppe mentioned that BWSR has offered to facilitate a meeting with Kanabec and Pine SWCDs relating to potential shared services in the future. Mike Johnson suggested that we may need an outside organizer to assist with future SWCD planning, and it could be a long process.

D.M. Report: CWP grant – request for cost-share: DNR Forest Road crossing. The board did not feel it was proper to provide cost-share for the project and decided on the following motion: **M/S/C** Wilkens, Belkholm that Kanabec SWCD would provide cost-share for the design work. This engineering assistance will be through the CWP grant.

State MASWCD convention December 7-9. **M/S/C** Wilkens, Johnson to allow Kelly & Paul to attend both days, and lodging and Kevin to go Monday, December 8.

Mapping Solutions the company that printed the plat books and wall maps provided a free Kanabec County wall map to be given away in a drawing. Mike Johnson drew out name of Duane Mandry.

Next board meeting on Tuesday, December 9, 2:00. Jason Weinerman will be here to follow up on the strategic planning.

Meeting adjourned at 5:12.

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