



KANABEC SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 10, 2015 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Deanna Pomije, Jan Anderson, Shannon Rasinski, Donna Walters-Nelson
Dennis McNally, Kanabec County Board Member

Chairman Hoppe called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.

M/S/C Johnson, Carda to approve Minutes of October 13 board meeting and financial report for October. **M/S/C Johnson, Carda** to approve payment of the vouchers; including paying \$50 dues to St. Croix River Association – pay in January for 2016 dues.

AIS – The first organizational meeting on October 15 was well attended, mostly with lake association people. Decided to form an advisory committee (with one voting member from each lake association) to advise on how to spend the funds; the committee will set policy; the SWCD board has oversight.

Civic Governance group continues to meet; Deanna will be attending/speaking at a larger group at an upcoming meeting in Woodbury.

Habeck Feedlot feedlot is planned to be done next year; plan to survey this week. The contract has been extended until December 31, 2016.

Ann Lake projects –will be checking out 3 possible lakeshore restoration projects and a road ditch stabilization project.

Discussed Pine SWCD's letter to MASWCD regarding their concerns and lack of support to districts. Deanna will contact Pine and inquire if they got any response and board will follow up next month saying we have some of the same concerns.

Then had discussion on what we felt what the District's strengths and weaknesses were; mission statement, support from county board, diversity of the board. Betty felt that a strategic planning meeting should be held, separate from the board meetings. Mike added that he would like to try to attend another SWCD's board meeting.

Reviewed position descriptions for a full time technician and a half time administrative assistant (to be shared with Mille Lacs SWCD. No action taken.

Waste Pit Closure & diversion project for Jason Keller cost share request: **M/S/C** Belkholm, Johnson to pay 75% not to exceed \$14,948 of the lowest bid; from 2012 CWP funds.

M/S/C Johnson, Carda to pay registration for Kevin to attend the state convention on Monday, December 7; and Deanna will attend Sunday evening (no registration fee).

Paul reported on the Green Lands, Blue Waters conference he attended.

M/S/C Wilkens, Johnson to approve Forest Stewardship Grant writing contract with Kelly Osterdyk, which ends September 30, 2016.

Deanna reported on the BWSR Academy training sessions she attended. All the sessions were great and interactive, such as WCA 101, E-Link reporting and the BWSR manual. The session on buffers was not productive, too many questions yet.

Snake River Watershed update: Have been setting up the project contracts specific for the Snake River in preparation for project implementation, including a practice incentive contract. Have been working with Aaron Johnson on Snake River outreach, including a meeting with the Pokegama Lake Asso. (gave them a request for a donation).

Next meeting scheduled for December 15 at 3:00; potluck to follow.

Meeting adjourned at 3:25 PM

_____ approved _____ date