



KANABEC SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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MINUTES OF OCTOBER 11, 2011 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

MEMBERS PRESENT: Gene Carda, Paul Hoppe, Tom Demarais, Betty Wilkens

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kevin Belkholm

OTHERS PRESENT: Kelly Osterdyk, Jan Anderson, Shannon Rasinski

Vice-Chairman Demarais called the meeting to order at 4:03 pm.

M/S/C Carda, Wilkens to approve minutes for September 13, 2011 meeting.

M/S/C Hoppe, Carda to accept the financial report for September as presented and pay the vouchers. **M/S/C** Wilkens, Carda to approve Jan hiring Jennifer Johnson to help with year-end close-out at a cost of \$30/hr. plus mileage.

Old Business:

NEMO workshop – Paul & Tom attended the September 28 meeting in Mora.

BWSR grant follow up: Next year's grants from BWSR were reviewed. Kelly reported that we have applied for Clean Water Funds along with Pine, Aitkin & Mille Lacs SWCDs for Buffer Enhancement projects, request amount \$141,645. SRWMB has applied for a Landowner Outreach Project Development grant for \$111,300.

Knife River erosion- Gene reported that he took report to the Knife Lake Improvement District (KLID) has contacted an attorney for an opinion of ownership and KLID boundaries. He also mentioned that KLID is considering buying an easement on the Moen property on the west side of Knife River to allow access to the dam for maintenance.

New Business: Paul asked about the status of Nick Solomon's vegetative restoration specialist job. Kelly reported that the position is funded into February 2012, based on last update.

Resolutions: Betty mentioned that she felt that the MASWCD Policy Committee's recommendations on votes were not appropriate. The board then voted on the resolutions.

Annual Convention, December 4-6 in Bloomington. **M/S/C** Hoppe, Wilkens to authorize expenses for Gene & Paul to attend annual convention and may stay over Monday night.

D.C. Report: Shannon reported that she had done 7 annual spot checks with area office staff; also end of year reporting in RPS – met all goals. She also reported on the status of other projects. Had also participated in other workshops and training sessions. Also had her performance appraisal as well as conducting Donna Walters-Nelson’s appraisal; and various other activities.

Committee Reports: Area III meeting was attended by Paul, Tom, Jan and Kelly. Forestry: Paul attended recent Forestry Committee meeting; future of state nurseries remaining open was an item being discussed. SRWMB: Paul reported that Kevin Mathison’s ag-waste projects completed and approved for funding. Next meeting there will be a site tour. Nick Solomon had attended the lake association meeting held recently at Pokegama.

Tom reported there was not a TSA meeting in September. He attended the NEMO meeting.

D.M. Report: Kelly reported on cost-share projects update. City of Mora rain garden project is now completed and will be submitted to SRWMB for cost-share payment. Kanabec SWCD will be receiving \$12,489 for cost-share funds for 2012; we have two years to encumber the funds.

Rental lease – the rental agreement has not yet been returned by the landlord; once he returns it and an invoice we will pay the rent for the past year.

We will be applying for the Cooperative Weed Management Grant again – it is due this Friday. Shannon mentioned NRCS could piggyback funds with the landowners.

Betty Wilkens mentioned the gravel pit restoration they have done on their property with native plantings; if anyone would like to see it they are welcome to do so.

Next meeting will be November 8 at 3:00 p.m. M/S/C Wilkens, Hoppe to adjourn at 6:30 p.m.

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