



KANABEC SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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MINUTES OF OCTOBER 9, 2012 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Kelly Osterdyk, Shannon Rasinski, Jan Anderson, Craig Wills, Dave Copeland

Chairman Demarais called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

M/S/C Hoppe, Wilkens, Hoppe to accept the minutes for the September 12, 2012 meeting as amended.

Craig Wills, DNR Hydrologist was present to explain his findings on the Knife River erosion issue. He presented aerial photos and pictures of the section of the Knife River just above Knife Lake. Other state hydrology maps were also handed out. Craig stated he felt there were no major erosion issues and felt the bend in the river is stable. He did make a suggestion that trees could be planted on the top of the bank and large boulders placed at the bottom. But no work can be done without permission of the landowner. Betty expressed her concern that it is contributing more phosphorus to the lake.

Dave Copeland, NRCS Area Conservationist was present for his annual SWCD visit. Discussed NRCS's tight budget; they are on a continuing resolution for 6 months due to no farm bill having been acted on by Congress. He also stated that no new applications for CRP, GRP & WRP are being taken; staff can work on existing contracts and can take new EQIP applications.

Girl Scout Centennial Day of Service is Saturday, October 13 – 3 lake sites will be used, Lewis, Fish & Quamba, per-diems can be used for water quality demonstrations. Tom, Paul, Betty & Kelly will be participating.

M/S/C Wilkens, Carda to approve financial report for September.

Area 3 Meeting & Tour at Aitkin County held at Long Lake Conservation Center; interesting tour on the first day and business meeting the second. Paul & Kelly attended both days and Jan attended the first day.

MASWCD Convention Planning – Hospitality Room Area 3 hosting– **M/S/C Hoppe, Belkholm** to approve \$40 to be used to purchase juice.

Healthy Waters Initiative – Snake River Watershed protection & restoration planning – Paul said that he will be reporting the progress on this initiative to both the Snake River Watershed group and the SWCD. Final draft to be completed December 14, 2012.

M/S/C Hoppe, Wilkens to approve & sign BWSR conservation delivery grant for FY 2013 for \$31,571.

Personnel Policies update will be needed to be done.

Tom was assigned as Kanabec SWCD's representative to the City of Mora's Wellhead Protection Plan committee.

The board then reviewed and voted on the Resolutions presented to MASWCD to be acted upon at the State Convention in December.

M/S/C Hoppe, Wilkens to nominate Kelly for BWSR's Outstanding Employee of the year.

D.C. Report: Shannon presented her report. She mentioned NHEL & wetland determinations; field offices will be taken out of this role as determinations will come from the area office in Duluth. She also talked about conservation planning, EQIP and other activities, as well as partnering with SWCD in doing a bi-annual or annual newsletter or putting it on the district's website.

D.M. Report: Kelly expressed his thanks for the nomination, and appreciation to work with board & staff.

Cost Share projects: Aaron Habeck's feedlot runoff project is ready to go; Kelly has applied for more funds from BWSR in order to provide 75% cost-share for Habeck. Shannon mentioned it could be piggy backed with EQIP. **M/S/C Hoppe, Belkholm** to approve cost-share of \$6,150 which is 75% of landowners bid \$8,200 for Duane Munsterteiger's cattle crossing and heavy use protection across a stream; project has been surveyed and designed. Ford Township – road and ditch runoff & erosion adjacent to Snake River. A bid for non chloride chemical treatment has been presented, we could cost-share 75% of the cost through the CWP grant. Other projects were discussed.

PICKM Alliance meeting & dinner on October 25 – coalition of lake & river associations – **M/S/C Hoppe, Wilkens** to approve paying for the dinner for those interested in attending, and mileage will be paid for one vehicle.

M/S/C Hoppe, Belkholm to donate \$25 for membership in the St. Croix Association.

Jan presented a request from Area 3 Envirothon for a donation; Paul will request a matching donation from SRWMB.

There were no committee reports.

Next meeting scheduled for November 13 at 4:00. Will work on Personnel Policies update also.

M/S/C Hoppe, Belkholm to adjourn at 8:32 p.m.

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