



## KANABEC SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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### MINUTES OF OCTOBER 13, 2015 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Kevin Belkholm

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Deanna Pomije, Jan Anderson, Shannon Rasinski, Aaron Johnson, SRWMB Education & Outreach Coordinator

Chairman Hoppe called the meeting to order at 2:33 p.m.

M/S/C Wilkens, Johnson to approve Minutes of September 14 board meeting and financial report for September. M/S/C Johnson, Carda to approve payment of the vouchers; including payment to Kelly Osterdyk for completion of three forest stewardship plans totaling \$1,460.

Report given on the Area 3 meeting on September 24 that Kanabec SWCD hosted.

Aquatic Invasive Species Program: There will be a public meeting on October 15 to gather input from interested groups/individuals to form a committee to put together a plan. Tina Wolbers, DNR will be present to discuss program. DNR will provide training for inspectors at public accesses. Kanabec County is the fiscal agent for the funds; Kanabec SWCD will invoice the county as needed. 2015 funds received - \$20,000; 2016 funds will be \$50,000. We would like to have one SWCD member on the committee; Betty expressed an interest to be engaged occasionally.

Deanna handed out a grants update on the 2012 CWP grant amendment. This grant ends March 2016. The amendment shifted money around to utilize the remaining funds. BMP implementation funds remaining - \$18,937.

Soil Health Workshop held September 15 in Pine County; Deanna and Shannon reported on.

Aaron Johnson discussed his goals he is working on for the Snake River Watershed. Betty suggested a variety of education options for outreach including watershed fair with the school.

D.C. Report: Shannon handed out copies of her report of activities and programs they have been involved with. They will be getting a new Ultima employee (Program Support Specialist), Joyce Sawatzky will be going to Pine County full time.

MASWCD District Leadership Tool: The self-assessment guide was mailed out to board members. Deanna asked that we list what we felt our top 3 priorities were. Information, Education and

Outreach: Newsletters, website, Facebook were suggested. Betty suggested that everyone circle 3 items we need to work on and 3 items we do exceptionally well and bring back to next meeting to discuss. As part of the assessment everyone shared their reason for being a part of the SWCD.

Staffing Plans: With Jan's retirement on November 30; Deanna has discussed shared administrative services with Mille Lacs SWCD; and also looking at technician position descriptions. Will have something to hand out next month and will merge Kanabec & Mille Lac's position descriptions and will email out to the board members.

M/S/C Carda, Wilkens for Deanna to attend the meeting in Duluth on November being chaired by Doug Thomas, BWSR to discuss how districts can spend the \$100,000 being distributed to each district.

M/S/C Wilkens, Johnson to adopt Kanabec County's Shoreline Restoration Policy for our own.

**Cost-Share:** M/S/C Johnson, Carda to approve payment to Roger & Kathy Tentis, lake shore erosion control project on Fish Lake; at 75% of the cost = \$9,252.75. M/S/C Johnson, Wilkens to approve payment to Tom Felger, feedlot project final concrete work completion; less concrete was actually used at 75% of cost = \$3,262.50. M/S/C Wilkens, Johnson to approve a one-year extension on FY 2013 CWF Feedlot Grant for Aaron Habeck through 12-31-16.

M/S/C Wilkens, Carda approval for Roger & Barbara Kelash to apply for \$8,200 for septic system upgrade loan using the AgBMP Loan Funds administered by Ag Star Financial.

M/S/C Johnson, Carda to allow Jan to continue on the PEIP insurance program after retirement; she will be billed directly for monthly premiums.

The board and staff then reviewed the 2015 MASWCD resolutions and the supervisors voted on them.

D.M. Report: The Civic Governance group continues to meet monthly; and are proposing members to pay dues starting next year. M/S/C Wilkens, Carda to approve the \$100 dues for 2016. M/S/C Carda, Johnson for Deanna to attend the Civic Governance meeting in Woodbury and November 19. Deanna reported she attended the October 1 Rum River WRAP – PICKM meeting in Isanti County. Lake Association contacts continue for general as is & Snake River outreach. Have met with Lewis Lake, Fish Lake and the KLID. She also attended the SWCD Governance 101 training on September 16 & 17. Snake River Watershed – met with Pine Co, Jason Weinerman, BWSR, Teresa, SR, on setting up the contracting & incentive payments process.

M/S/C Johnson, Carda to approve registration cost of \$180 for Paul to attend the Green Land – Blue Waters convention.

#### Committee Reports:

Mike reported that TSA 3 has new funding of \$240,000 <sup>over</sup> for two years.

Deanna will be and Paul may attend the Pokegama Lake Asso. meeting on September 17.

Next meeting scheduled for November 10, lunch at 12:00 meeting to follow.

Meeting adjourned at 5:48 PM

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