



KANABEC SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 13, 2011 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kevin Belkholm

OTHERS PRESENT: Kelly Osterdyk, Jan Anderson

Vice-Chairman Demarais called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm. Betty Wilkens took the Oath of Office.

M/S/C Hoppe, Carda to approve minutes for August 9, 2011 meeting as presented.

M/S/C Carda, Hoppe to accept the financial report for August. Paul reported that he presented the 2012 budget to the county board; Gene & Jan also attended.

Old Business:

Reviewed cost share projects update; noted that Kevin Mathison's feedlot runoff control project for his dairy cows is in the process of being constructed. One of two City of Mora storm water projects has been completed. The SWCD received letter from Jason Weinerman, BWSR, that FT 2008 and 2009 grant reports have been completed.

Knife River erosion- Gene reported that he took report to the Knife Lake Improvement District (KLID) and that they are going to be seeing an attorney for an opinion of ownership, etc. before they proceed with any projects.

Area III Annual Meeting being hosted by South St. Louis SWCD in Duluth on September 22.

M/S/C Hoppe, Wilkens to approve expenses for meeting for Paul, Tom & Jan; registration cost is \$25 per person. Kelly will be attending as a Pine SWCD board member.

New BWSR Grant Application – Kelly reported that Kanabec, Mille Lacs, Pine & Aitkin SWCD's are applying for joint a project application for Clean Water Assistance Grants. Snake River Watershed will also be applying for a grant.

M/S/C Hoppe, Carda to approve payment to TSA III of \$1,125.00 from receipt of Clean Water Funds – 319 Grant match/ Cooperative Weed Management Grant for technical assistance; Kanabec SWCD keeps \$75.00 for work on Clean Water Fund projects.

BWSR Academy training coming up, October 25-27; will discuss at October meeting.

Reviewed District Conservationist's report submitted by Shannon.

D. M. Report: A copy of current rental space agreement was handed out. Our current lease expires on 9-30-2011 for 230 sq. ft at \$10/sq. ft. Lyle Katterhagen had inquired if we could raise the square footage amount another \$1 or \$2. After discussion on cost of rent Paul Hoppe made the motion to continue at \$10/sq. ft. for 2 years, through 9-30-2013; Gene Carda seconded, motion carried.

The Lake St. Croix TMDL Implementation Plan was discussed. Reviewed request to enter into agreement with Washington Conservation District to assist with the Implementation Planning in the amount of \$1000 for 40 hours of service. **M/S/C** Wilkens, Hoppe to enter into the agreement.

Tom reported on the Governance Workshop he, Gene & Betty attended. He reported that Jason Weinerman, BWSR gave a talk on the history of SWCD's, supervisor's responsibilities and what to do and not to do. Also handed out a copy of a news release to put in the paper.

Committee Reports:

Paul attended the August 22nd SRWMB meeting held at Crow's Nest at Knife Lake at erosion project site. Tom attended the Area III TSA meeting; employee evaluations were done; budgets and projects were discussed.

Miscellaneous: August 30th Ann River Watershed TMDL public meeting was well attended. NEMO meeting scheduled September 28; Paul, Tom & Gene will be attending. Kelly will be on annual leave. Betty suggested that supervisors attend the township meetings of the township they each represent.

The board discussed per diems. Some meetings are short 1-2 hours and other meeting can involve most of the day, with travel, etc. involved. There was consensus to leave the per diems as are for now and review the costs for per diems in December to see how the budget is looking.

Kelly reported that he met with the outstanding conservationist for Kanabec SWCD to get pictures to send in for the award. **M/S/C** Carda, Wilkens to offer two luncheon tickets for the conservationist to attend in December.

Next meeting is scheduled for October 11, 4:00 p.m.

M/S/C Wilkens, Hoppe to adjourn at 6:30 p.m.

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