



## KANABEC SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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### MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 10, 2013 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Paul Hoppe, Kevin Belkholm

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Kelly Osterdyk, Jan Anderson, Shannon Rasinski, Donna Walters-Nelson

Mike Johnson called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

**M/S/C** Wilkens, Carda to approve minutes of August 13 Board Meeting.

**M/S/C** Wilkens, Carda to approve Financial Report for August. **M/S/C** Carda, Wilkens to approve payment of Kelly's voucher of \$114.61.

Old Business: Don Thoney site visit – Paul, Mike & Kelly went out and visited with him on his site about no till/ridge till planting for which cost-share was approved last month.

Kevin Thoney cost-share request will be discussed next month.

Copies of the letter from MASWCD regarding tree program evaluation and non-invasive plants had been sent out with the board mailing. **M/S/C** Carda, Wilkens to continue with our tree program.

Cost-Share Projects: Ford Township road and ditch runoff and erosion control project adjacent to the Snake River – project completed, chemical has been applied to road; total of invoices from Envirotech and Kanabec County Highway Dept. was \$3,050.05; 75% is \$2,287.54; SWCD set aside \$1,987.50. **M/S/C** Wilkens, Carda to pay the \$1,987.50 previously allocated for Ford Twp. from MPCA CWP grant.

Discussed the list of Request for Proposals for the FY 2014 Clean Water Fund Grants for which we can apply.

D.C. Report: Shannon handed out copies of her report showing various meetings and trainings she & Donna have recently attended. Shannon participated in the annual inspection of the Knife Lake Dam. The Local Work Group meeting was held. Resource concerns identified by the group were: Forestry: Oak Wilt treatment, protection of Kanabec's northern forested area; Water Quality: permanent conservation easements along shorelands, and exemptions for these non-ag and non-forestry lakeshore owners for financial assistance to reduce soil erosion & improve water quality. Soil Erosion: ranking expired CRP land higher to help continue conservation efforts; gravel pits-outreach to owners of open pits no longer being used to help establish permanent vegetation and

possibly wetland restorations. Donna reported on aerial seeding completed for 2 producers to establish cover crops to improve soil health.

D.M. Report: Knife River erosion project – Kelly recently spoke to the county coordinator to inquire of the county’s progress on the easement. Betty shared information on using cedar trees to help stabilize the river banks.

M/S/C Carda, Wilkens to approve Kelly to attend the BWSR academy and stay over, will share a room with Sam from Pine SWCD. Other upcoming events: Fall Forestry Tour (Pine County) on October 12, sponsored by the St. Croix River Association. PICKM Alliance dinner & meeting October 21; registration information will be available by the October board meeting. M/S/C Carda, Wilkens to donate \$25 to MASWCD Employee’s raffle for state convention.

Next meeting scheduled for October 8, 4:00 p.m.

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