AGENDA
Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors
Tuesday, November 14, 2017 4:00 pm

Purpose Statement: Meet regularly utilizing civic standards to organize ourselves, building capacity and infrastructure as needed to support our goals in leading toward better soil & water quality throughout Kanabec County.

1. Call to Order & Approval of Agenda
   We’ll plan to take the board’s photo for the website.

2. NRCS Report

3. Consent Agenda (no discussion unless Supervisor requests)
   2.1. Financial – receipts & disbursements
   2.2. Outcomes Document
   2.3. Staff Reports
   2.4. Upcoming Staff Meetings/Outreach/Training

4. Approve Disbursements
   Treasurer’s Report

5. Business
   5.1. MASWCD Convention: Which supervisors wish to attend and which days? Adequate budget yet.
   5.2. 2018 District Budget – 1st review
      5.2.1 Capacity 2018 work plan
   5.3. New Renter – District Land: we are tax exempt – renter is due to pay taxes on cropland, past error
      Conservation Education options: 3 fields – 3, 5 & 8 acres; 16.2 total acres
      -2 fields in Kernza / small grain – Kelly Kelling, charge rent for land maintenance?
      -offer 1 field (control comparison) conventional corn/soybeans to Colton Marohn

   5.4. Contract with The Nature Conservancy: Contract forester for more forest stewardship planning and
      forest management practices in the Snake & Kettle watersheds. ($20,000) Grant Pomije signing
      approval as a contract is due to be obligated by 12/31/17. Later more funding may become available
      through a US Forest Service Grant and the St. Croix River Assn.

   5.5. AIS funding approval for Knife Lakes Curly Leaf treatment and plant survey for $6,090.02 done by
      Central MN Aquatics in July, 2017 (total cost $18,414).
   5.6. AIS 2018 Budget – cutting back on funds for Curly Leaf treatment
   5.7. Year End Financials – contract with Peterson Co. (budget $925)
5.8. **Testing of Nitrate in Private Wells – South Fork Twp.** – The MN Dept. of Ag. requests our assistance in coordinating this testing in 2018 via. a joint powers agreement for $8,654.12. We subcontract with RMB labs for the work and pass through the funds to pay the lab. The lab does most of the work; mailings and water testing. We do outreach, compile the mailing list and submit quarterly invoices for reimbursement.

6. **Project Updates** - No project updates

7. **General Discussion / Public Input**

8. **Set Next Meeting Dates / Committee Reports**
   - 8.1 **COLA – AIS Next Meeting** 11/16, 5pm in Courthouse (Kelzenberg)
   - 8.2 **Forestry Association Report** – next meeting __________
   - 8.3 **Snake River Board** 10/23, (Anderson) – next meeting 11/27
   - 8.4 **Regular SWCD Board Meeting**: Dec. 12, 4:00 PM - POTLUCK

9. **Evaluate the Meeting** – What worked? What needs further discussion?

10. **Adjourn**

**Civic Governance** is a new approach to organizing to facilitate change for the common good, creating effective and stable organizations.

The **purpose** of Civic Organizing is to organize people to the obligation of being an active citizen; providing the opportunity for them to impact decision making in their role and in day to day work; learning what is good and growing in that knowledge.

- To broaden governing responsibility to include those impacted but **not replacing existing governing** responsibilities of board members and supervisors. We need to work together; no one group can alone solve our environmental concerns.
- Organizing comes with the obligation of active citizenship.
- **Active citizenship** is developed in the way institutions and projects are governed in the process of carrying out their mission/purpose/ achieving goals.