Kanabec Soil & Water Conservation District

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Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors
Tuesday, December 12, 2017 3:00 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

Please plan for a photo of the board & the Holiday POTLUCK.

2. NRCS Report
3. **Consent Agenda** (no discussion unless Supervisor requests)
   - 3.1. Financial – receipts & disbursements
   - 3.2. Outcomes Document - November
   - 3.3. Staff Reports
   - 3.4. Upcoming Staff Meetings / Outreach / Training
4. **Approve Disbursements**

   Treasurer's Report

5. **Business**

5.1. Individual ROLES: One of the civic organizing principles is that we all have a ROLE to play, individually in our given community in which we work and live. We can use these individual roles to engage as active citizens for the common good. What is your ROLE here within the Kanabec SWCD Board? Something to think about.

5.2 2018 District Budget – 2nd review

5.3. Operational Agreement with NRCS – addition of Mary K. (TSA) computer seat to the agreement

5.4. Resolution adopting the Co. Water Plan as the SWCD Comprehensive Plan, through 2018

5.5. Contract with The Nature Conservancy: Contract forester for more forest stewardship planning and forest management practices in the Snake & Kettle watersheds. ($20,000) - update

5.6. CWF – Ann River FY14 – request for grant extension through 12/31/18 - $12,600 remaining in unencumbered funds.

5.7. Resolution in Support of the 'One Watershed One Plan' for the Rum River Watershed

5.8. Forest Stewardship Plan funding from the CWP grant:

- Swenson, Daniel – Forest Stewardship Plan (FSP) 179 acres, Brunswick 17
  Available CWP 50% funding for FSP, $250, total cost $1100 ($300 from DNR)

6. Project Updates –

6.1 Sorensen, James & Gail, Peace twp, sec. 2 – new application / contract – streambank erosion, estimate $14,156, funding split 75% - $7,078 CWP 2015 (needs to be completed by June 30, 2018); 25% - $3,539 Snake Watershed Project Grant

7. General Discussion / Public Input

- Congratulations to Jacque – successfully applied for a scholarship to the Soil Health Summit with the Sustainable Farming Assn. Feb 14-15, ($400 value). This will entail hosting a soil health workshop in 2018 for local producers (jointly with NRCS).

8. Set Next Meeting Dates / Committee Reports

8.1 Personnel Committee – next meeting, after 12/20 _____, performance reviews

8.2 Forestry Association Report – next meeting _____

8.3 MASWCD Convention – Dec 3-5, Hoppe, Belkholm & Pomije attended

8.4 Landscape Stewardship Plan – Dec. 8, Snake 1st meeting (Pomije & Hoppe)

8.5 COLA – AIS Next Meeting 12/14, 5pm in Courthouse (Kelzenberg)

8.6 Regular SWCD Board Meeting: Jan. 9, 4:00 PM, committee selections

8.7 Snake River Board 11/27, (Hoppe) – next meeting 1/22

8.8 Technical Service Provider - Area 3, Jan 24, 10 am Duluth – (Pomije)

Three Forestry Training Opportunities:

1. Dec. 9 Aitkin Co. Private Woodlands Committee Winter Tour, at the Long Lake Conservation Ctr. in Palisade, 8-4:30 pm, $10 fee, pre-registration required at 218-927-6565 x111
2. Jan. 20 Forest Management Day for Timber & Wildlife, at the Audubon Ctr. in Sandstone, 8-4:30 pm, $15 fee, RSVP at 320-216-4245
3. Feb. 28 Managing the North Woods for the Future, at the Audubon Ctr. in Sandstone, 8:30-3, walking tour afterwards, $35 fee, on-line registration <https://stcroixforestryconference.eventbrite.com>

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.