



2008 Mahogany Street, Suite 3  
Mora, MN 55051  
(320) 679-3982  
[info@KanabecSWCD.org](mailto:info@KanabecSWCD.org)

## Outcomes Documents – Regular Board Meeting

Location: Kanabec SWCD Conference Room, Tuesday March 10, 2020 3:00 pm

**SUPERVISORS:** Joyce Sawatzky, Paul Hoppe, Gene Carda, Kevin Belkholm, Jan Anderson

**STAFF:** Deanna Pomije, Nick Smetana, Jerah Mattson, Shannon Rasinski

### 1. 3:03 Call to Order - \*Approval of Agenda

**Motion by Carda, second by Anderson** to approve the agenda with two additions. An item to discuss the approval of the RIM contract with BWSR and one to add the Directors Report on the Levy Authority, item 7.

**Affirmative:** Sawatzky, Carda, Hoppe, Anderson

**Opposed:** None      **Abstain:** None

2. 3:05 NRCS Report – Rasinski provided a written report. Staff is working on the final EQIP applications with a sign-up deadline being March 13<sup>th</sup>. Staff is also working on the CSP, with a sign-up deadline of March 20<sup>th</sup>. Rasinski went over the conferences and training NRCS staff have attended and what they will be attending this month. She stated that for the planned joint Local Work Group, planned for 4/16 will need priorities, separated per county. (The Local Work Group meeting has been postponed, to be rescheduled.)

### 3. \*Consent Agenda (no discussion unless Supervisor requests)

- 4.1. Financial – receipts & disbursements, balance sheet, profit & loss reports
- 4.2. Outcomes Document, Kanabec SWCD Board – Feb. 11, 2020
- 4.3. Outcomes Document, 2<sup>nd</sup> Snake Policy Cmte. – Feb. 24, 2020
- 4.4. Staff Reports
- 4.5. Upcoming Staff Meetings / Outreach / Training

**Motion by Carda, second by Hoppe** to approve the Consent Agenda as is.

**Affirmative:** Sawatzky, Carda, Hoppe, Anderson

**Opposed:** None      **Abstain:** None

### 4. \*Approve Treasurer’s Report

**Motion by Hoppe, second by Anderson** to approve the Treasurer’s Report as presented. Mattson and Pomije explained that some clean up on our balance sheet was done over the month. They did journal entries to correct balances on our grants.

**Affirmative:** Sawatzky, Carda, Hoppe, Anderson

**Opposed:** None      **Abstain:** None

**Belkholm arrived at 3:25**

### 5. Business

6.1. Approve RIM easement monitoring contract with BWSR. Hoppe questioned if \$450.00 will cover the cost of time spent doing inspections. BWSR currently pays \$50.00 per easement and we monitor four per year. Anderson would like an Area 3 resolution to get the rate increased.

**Motion by Hoppe, second by Anderson** to approve the \$450.00 current RIM contract with BWSR.

**Affirmative:** Sawatzky, Carda, Hoppe, Belkholm, Anderson

**Opposed:** None      **Abstain:** None

6.2. Snake 1W1P Update

There are not enough agenda items to have a March Steering Cmte. meeting and there is no planned Policy Cmte. meeting in March either as we await the approval of the BWSR planning grant. The Request for Proposal (RFP) is expected to be completed and sent out this week, 3/13. In April staff with 2 policy cmte. members will be reviewing the results of the consultant RFPs for selection by the policy cmte. on 4/27.

6.3. \*Billable Rate Correction per BWSR, effective 9/22/19

DM: \$55.74 (\$52.17, previous)

DT: \$49.28 (\$45.76)

AA: \$44.81 (\$41.28)

\*Billable Rate Correction per BWSR, effective 12/30/18

DM: \$55.52 (\$52.36, previous)

DT: \$49.67 (\$46.51)

AA: \$42.83 (\$39.48)

**Motion by Anderson, second by Belkholm** to approve both above, Billable Rate Corrections per BWSR, one effective 9/22/19 and the other 12/30/18.

**Affirmative:** Sawatzky, Carda, Hoppe, Belkholm Anderson

**Opposed:** None      **Abstain:** None

6.4. \*Access Contract for Rosnow Project – Gene Carda property

**Motion by Hoppe, second by Belkholm** to approve the Access Contract for Rosnow Project. Sawatzky, our chair signed the contract; Carda is holding off on signing until Rosnow signs his access contract.

**Affirmative:** Sawatzky, Hoppe, Belkholm, Anderson

**Opposed:** None      **Abstain:** Carda

6.5. Update on AIS Open Positions

Pomije gave an update that Kyle Edgren was offered the full-time position but accepted the part time. Rachel Lehman has accepted the full-time position but is contingent on finding housing in the area. Rasinski shared her knowledge of a place in Mora that may be available for temporary summer housing.

6.6. \*AIS Budget (Smetana)

Smetana summarized the AIS 2020 budget. We are spending down the 2019 allocation of \$48,593. Percentages are taken off for the following funds: contingency, education, administration and boat inspection. \$5000 is put into a decontamination unit fund. The remainder is then divided equally between the 6 Lake Assn. for AIS education or control. Belkholm would like boat inspectors to somehow represent the district. Options such as a hat, logo on vest, business cards passed out by inspectors. Paul would like it posted in the newspaper that inspectors will be seen on local public landings.

**Motion by Hoppe, second by Anderson** to approve the AIS Budget as presented.

**Affirmative:** Sawatzky, Carda, Hoppe, Belkholm, Anderson

**Opposed:** None      **Abstain:** None

\*AIS Expense – Billboard, summer 2020 - \$625, 5 months over the summer

The \$625 is half the amount (split with Isanti county). With the upcoming road closure on hwy 47; Mora, along hwy 65 will be seeing a lot more traffic. The billboard will be seen by more travelers on hwy 65 and 23. It was suggested to place the billboard between hwy 23 W and hwy 23E, in Mora. This may be more north than what Isanti was planning (between Cambridge and Mora). If Isanti county

is un-willing to split the cost with Kanabec, then Kanabec SWCD will can go ahead and approve the full price at \$1,250.

**Motion by Hoppe, second by Anderson** to approve the AIS Billboard up to \$1,250 with the suggestions for location

**Affirmative:** Sawatzky, Carda, Hoppe, Belkholm, Anderson

**Opposed:** None      **Abstain:** None

6.7. \*2020 Conservation Newsletter Costs: requesting up to \$2,950, total proposed cost \$2,655  
~6,500 proposed mailing, last year 90 extras

- Kanabec Publishing - quote \$1,485, \$1,392 (last year)
- Mailing Costs, every door direct - \$1,170 (last year)

**Motion by Carda, second by Belkholm** to approve the 2020 Conservation Newsletter Costs up to \$2,950. A draft of the newsletter was provided to those present.

**Affirmative:** Sawatzky, Carda, Hoppe, Belkholm, Anderson

**Opposed:** None      **Abstain:** None

6.8. \*Ann River P Reduction Grant Amendment, from St. Croix Assn. – extension thru 12/1/20 & a shift of more funds for erosion control projects, \$20,000 of the grant set up for direct BMP practices. Smetana discussed the grant extension is now thru 12/1/20 and gave an update on the McVay project. There are 3 erosion control sites; one of which is higher priority for McVay and doable to complete in 2020. This project will be the focus to complete under this grant. There's no news on the request for a grazing specialist visit from NRCS.

**Motion by Hoppe, second by Belkholm** to approve the Ann River P Reduction Grant Amendment and allow Pomije to sign, when the paperwork comes through.

**Affirmative:** Sawatzky, Carda, Hoppe, Belkholm, Anderson

**Opposed:** None      **Abstain:** None

6.9. \*Requesting District Mgr. authorization for 2020 staff training registration, within budget \$3,000 Pomije mentioned this authorization as a need for training opportunities that come up with a short notice to register.

**Motion by Anderson, second by Carda** to approve authorization for the District Mgr. to approve staff training / registration, staying within the budget of \$3000 for 2020

**Affirmative:** Sawatzky, Carda, Hoppe, Belkholm, Anderson

**Opposed:** None      **Abstain:** None

6.10. \*Supervisor Election voting preference: County at large OR voting per District boundaries Pomije presented a resolution on this & letter for BWSR, as needed for BWSR's review and approval of this change. This decision was discussed.

**Motion by Hoppe, second by Belkholm** to approve the keeping the District voting preference to be at large throughout the County.

**Affirmative:** Sawatzky, Carda, Hoppe, Belkholm, Anderson

**Opposed:** None      **Abstain:** None

6.11. \*NRCS (Marv) 2009 Dodge Ram with topper, 70,000 mi. proposed min. bid \$2,651.00  
Discussion occurred over what would be an acceptable low bid amount.

**Motion by Belkholm, second by Anderson** to approve the online bid amount of \$2,651 on the NRCS 2009 Dodge Ram Pick Up.

**Affirmative:** Sawatzky, Carda, Hoppe, Belkholm, Anderson

**Opposed:** None      **Abstain:** None

7. Discuss Board's opinion on SWCD levy authority & unmet funding needs (see the MASWCD 2020 Legislative Priorities in packet), as the Day at the Capital is this month

Director's Report: Hoppe reported a proposed pilot for District Levy Authority by Carlton and Pine Districts. He stated that Rep. Rarick is in support of this proposal. Hoppe stated he is in support of this. Carlton Co. passed a resolution in support of this. Both Districts will be testifying on this proposal on Thursday. On levy authority there is a 4-cycle phase-in. Since our meeting, it was learned that if levy authority was approved; there would be no loss of our regular state grant funds (Capacity).

8. **Project Updates:**

The consent agenda includes details on project developments. Pomije gave a brief update on some of the projects in development with Smetana. There's one landowner on Knife with a potential seep erosion issue. With the potential for many requests for shoreland restoration with native plugs; there's planned a Snake Tech. meeting to discuss this. The idea is to discuss how to hopefully have a consensus message on when it's best to offer funding for shoreland restoration.

9. **General Discussion / Public Input**

Belkholm asked for comment on his previous concern last month on the Rum 1W1P. The concern was the conflicting debate to remove a dam on the Rum in Anoka vs. allowing Asian Carp access to this new water system. A few comments were given. Pomije suggested hearing more from the Advisory Cmte. from the technical agency staff to learn the positives and negative of both options.

10. **5:15 Set Next Meeting Dates / Committee Reports** – next meeting dates

- 3/12 - COLA-AIS Meeting, 5 pm, courthouse basement (Sawatzky)
- 3/19 – Forestry Assoc. Meeting, McGregor 9:30 am (Hoppe, Carda)
- 3/19 – East Central Landscape Cmte. Meeting (Hoppe)
- 3/23 - Snake River Watershed Board – May be Cancelled, 9am (Hoppe, Pomije)
- \*3/24-25 – Day at the Capital, evening \$90 – 24<sup>th</sup>, appointments -25<sup>th</sup> (Supervisors)

**Motion by Anderson, second by Hoppe** to approve the Day at the Capital attendees (Hoppe, Belkholm, Pomije) reservation fee of \$90.

**Affirmative:** Sawatzky, Carda, Hoppe, Belkholm, Anderson

**Opposed:** None                      **Abstain:** None

- 3/26 – Rum Policy Cmte. Meeting, Mille Lacs Courthouse, 5-7 pm (Belkholm)

- \*3/27 – St. Croix Forestry Conference, Audubon Ctr. \$35 registration

**Motion by Anderson, second by Hoppe** to approve the \$35 registration fee for the St. Croix Forestry Conference for either staff or supervisors wanting to attend. (Hoppe, Carda, Smetana, possibly Anderson)

**Affirmative:** Sawatzky, Carda, Hoppe, Belkholm, Anderson

**Opposed:** None                      **Abstain:** None

- 4/14 - Tues. Conservation Office, **Regular SWCD Board Meeting**, 3 pm (all)
- 4/16 – Local Work Group Meeting, Ogilvie, with ML SWCD, 1 pm
- 4/20-24 – Open House – 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Earth Day, nitrate well testing
- 4/27 - Snake 1W1P Policy Cmte. 3rd Meeting (Hoppe, Pomije, Mattson)
- April, Date TBD – TSA Area 3 Meeting, 10 am, Duluth (Anderson)

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

Agenda items for next month?

**12. 5:07 Adjourn Regular Board Meeting**

**Motion by Hoppe, second by Anderson** to Adjourn Regular Board Meeting at 5:07

**Affirmative:** Sawatzky, Carda, Hoppe, Belkholm, Anderson

**Opposed:** None                      **Abstain:** None

**\*Seeking Board Decisions**