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 # 2 – Norma Heggernes, Chair **(Term. 12.2026)**
 # 1 – Kevin Belkholm, Vice-Chair **(Term. 12.2028)**
 # 5 – Kim Johnson, Treasurer **(Term. 12.2028)**
 # 3 – Marv Stutz **(Term. 12.2028)**
 # 4 – Jon Sanford **(Term. 12.2026)**

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KANABEC SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

Kanabec SWCD Board Room
2008 Mahogany Street, Suite 3
Mora, MN 55051

November 18, 2026
Draft Regular Meeting Agenda

1. **Call to Order** **1:00 PM**
   a. Roll call: Norma Heggernes, Kevin Belkholm, Jon Sanford, Kim Johnson, Marv Stutz
   b. Others Present: Jaren Peplinski, Jerah Mattson, Emily Larsen, Mary Poelman, Nick Foss, Mallory Kaiser, Stephanie Paulsen
2. **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**
3. **Review and Approval of Agenda (Action Item)**
4. **Review and Approval of Minutes (Action Item)**
   a. Regular Board Meeting Minutes – 10/28/2026 **[Exhibit A]**
5. **Supervisor Recognition.** Recognizing Marv Stutz's service to the district.
6. **Reports of Partners**
   a. NRCS (*Stephanie Paulsen*)
7. **Public Comment**
8. **Financial Report**
   a. October 2026 Treasurer's Report and Financial Report **[Exhibit B]**
9. **Action Items [Exhibit C]**
   a. *2025 Financial Audit.* Review and consider acceptance of the 2025 financial audit.
   b. *Contract # AR-CWF17-03.* Discussion and possible action regarding the Fish Lake shoreline project installed in 2018.

Other Reports

a. *Subcommittee reports.*
   i. Personnel Committee *(Heggernes, Belkholm)*
   ii. Finance Committee *(Johnson, Sanford)*
   iii. Coalition of Lake Associations *(Stutz; Sanford is alternate)*
   iv. Kettle/Upper St. Croix Watershed Partnership *(Johnson; Stutz is alternate)*
   v. Rum River Watershed Partnership (*Stutz; Johnson is alternate)*

	vi. Snake River Watershed Plan Partnership *(Belkholm; Sanford is alternate)* vii. Area III Forestry Association *(Sanford; Johnson is alternate)* viii. District Land *(Belkholm, Stutz)* ix. Liaison to the County (*Sanford; Stutz is alternate*) x. Liaison to the Townships *(Johnson; Sanford is alternate)* b. *Meeting and Event Announcements*, pg. 3. c. *Funding opportunities*, pg. 3. 10. **Consent Agenda** a. Update - 2027 PFML renewal rates. **Adjourn** **3:30 PM** The next Regular Monthly Meeting is Wednesday, December 16, 1:00 PM

Meeting and Event Announcements

- MASWCD 90th Annual Convention | November 30-December 2, 2026 | Bloomington

Funding Opportunities

- North Central Region Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program (NCR-SARE) 2027 Partnership Grant Program

Applications Submitted in FY26/FY27

- Keep It Clean Grant - Kanabec COLA (denied)
- 2026/2027 Conservation Delivery Grant (awarded)
- 2026/2027 Conservation Contracts Grant (awarded)
- FY 2027 Managing Invasives for a Resilient Landscape (MIRL) Grants (denied)
- Private Well Screening Grant (awarded)
- MDA Soil Health Equipment Grant (submitted)
- DNR 2026 Protect Community Forests Grant - EAB replacement project (submitted)

Annual or Ongoing Funding to Consider Applying For

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