

**Board of Supervisors:**

- # 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**

**Remote Google Meet joining info:**

**Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/wqm-npaf-xnc>**

**Or dial: (US) +1 636-498-4352 PIN: 977 678 251#**

**More phone numbers: <https://tel.meet/wqm-npaf-xnc?pin=6649306027834>**

**June 24, 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, Stephanie Paulsen, Melissa McCann

*\*Remote attendee. One or more members may attend remotely pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 13D.02 as amended.*
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](#) – 5/20/2026 [Exhibit A]
5. **Reports of Partners**
  - a. NRCS (*Stephanie Paulsen or Melissa McCann*)
  - b. Kanabec County (*Commissioner Peter Ripka*)
6. **Public Comment**
7. **Financial Report**
  - a. May 2026 [Treasurer's Report and Financial Report](#) [Exhibit B]
8. **Action Items [Exhibit C]**
  - a. *Approval of KUSCP WBIF Biennial Plan and Budget.* Consider approval of the Kettle and Upper St. Croix Partnership FY27-28 Watershed Based Implementation Funding (WBIF) biennial plan and budget.
  - b. *Approval of PPE and Equipment Purchase.* Consider approval of personal protective equipment and program equipment purchase to support SWCD operations and field activities, \$1,000.
  - c. *Approval of Payment Voucher KSWCD-FY26-CC-WildlifePlanting-01.* Consider approval of a payment voucher of \$1,046.85 for a completed wildlife planting and windbreak project.

## 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. 2.

c. *Funding opportunities*, pg. 3.

## 9. Consent Agenda [Exhibit D]

- a. *2025 Audit Update*. Update on the status of the 2025 financial audit.
- b. *AIS Inspection Program Update*. Update on aquatic invasive species inspection activities and staffing.
- c. *Hiring Update*. Update on current staffing and hiring activities.
- d. *Snake River Project Scouting Update*. Update on project scouting activities for the Snake River Watershed Plan Partnership.
- e. *Mid-Year Budget Tracking Review*. Notification that the mid-year budget tracking review, covering January 1 through June 30, 2026, will be presented at the July board meeting.

**Adjourn**

**3:30 PM**

The next Regular Monthly Meeting is Tuesday, July 14, 1:00 PM

## Meeting and Event Announcements

- Kanabec County Fair | Mora, MN | **July 22-26, 2026** | Kanabec County Fairgrounds
- Fish Lake Improvement Association - Annual Meeting & Outdoor Picnic | Mora, MN | **June 27, 2026** | **12:00 - 2:00 PM** | Ann River Winery, 1999 180th Ave, Mora, MN 55051 | RSVPs can be emailed to [fishlakeassoc@gmail.com](mailto:fishlakeassoc@gmail.com)
- Mora Rocks the Park: Watercolor & Waterways (Kanabec SWCD Enviroscope demonstrations) | **June 25, 2026** | Kid's Kingdom/Mora Lion's Park | **3:00 - 4:30 PM**
- Soil Health Field Day | **August 1, 2026** | Rye Carlson's Farm (Kanabec County)

- SAVE THE DATE: Cookout on the Farm | **August 21, 2026** | Hallan Farm (Pine County)

**Funding Opportunities**

- FY 2027 Managing Invasives for a Resilient Landscape (MIRL)
  - Applications must be submitted by 4:30 PM CT/CST on June 30, 2026.
  - This BWSR grant requires a non-state match equal to at least 10% of the amount of MIRL grant received and/or expended. Match can be provided by a landowner, land occupier, private organization, local or Tribal government or other non-state source and can be in the form of cash or the cash value of services or materials contributed to the accomplishment of grant objectives.

<b>Grant Program Awards</b>	<b>Funding Estimates</b>
Amount to grant	\$180,000
Estimated number of awards (if applicable)	6-12 awards
Award maximum	\$30,000
Award minimum	\$15,000

**Applications Submitted in FY26/FY27**

- Keep It Clean Grant - Kanabec COLA (denied)
- 2026/2027 Conservation Delivery Grant (awarded)
- 2026/2027 Conservation Contracts Grant (awarded)

**Annual or Ongoing Funding to Consider Applying For**

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