

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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District Manager
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Mary Poelman
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Emily Larsen
Conservation Technician

Nick Foss
Conservation Forester

(Vacant)
Conservation Technician

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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>

July 14, 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](#) – 6/24/2026 [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. June 2026 [Treasurer’s Report and Financial Report](#) [Exhibit B]
 8. **Action Items [Exhibit C]**
 - a. *Authorization of Increase to District Manager Discretionary Spending Limit.* Consider the Finance Committee’s recommendation to increase the District Manager’s discretionary spending authority from \$500 to \$1,000.
 - b. *Authorization to Extend Offer for Conservation Technician Position.* Receive an update on the Conservation Technician hiring process and consider authorizing the Personnel Committee to extend an offer of employment to a selected candidate.
- Other Reports**
- a. *Subcommittee reports.*

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Personnel Committee (<i>Heggernes, Belkholm</i>) ii. Finance Committee (<i>Johnson, Sanford</i>) iii. Coalition of Lake Associations (<i>Stutz; Sanford is alternate</i>) iv. Kettle/Upper St. Croix Watershed Partnership (<i>Johnson; Stutz is alternate</i>) v. Rum River Watershed Partnership (<i>Stutz; Johnson is alternate</i>) vi. Snake River Watershed Plan Partnership (<i>Belkholm; Sanford is alternate</i>) vii. Area III Forestry Association (<i>Sanford; Johnson is alternate</i>) viii. District Land (<i>Belkholm, Stutz</i>) ix. Liaison to the County (<i>Sanford; Stutz is alternate</i>) x. Liaison to the Townships (<i>Johnson; Sanford is alternate</i>) <p>b. <i>Meeting and Event Announcements</i>, pg. 2.</p> <p>c. <i>Funding opportunities</i>, pg. 3.</p> <p>9. Consent Agenda [Exhibit D]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. <i>Mid-Year Financial Update</i>. Review of district revenues and expenditures through the first half of the fiscal year and discussion of the district's current financial position. <p>Adjourn 3:30 PM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The next Regular Monthly Meeting is Wednesday, August 19, 1:00 PM</p>
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Meeting and Event Announcements

- Kanabec County Fair | Mora, MN | **July 22-26, 2026** | Kanabec County Fairgrounds
- Soil Health Field Day | **August 1, 2026** | Rye Carlson's Farm (Kanabec County)
- Shoreline Workshop/Panel | **August 7, 2026** | **10:00 AM** | Sapsucker Farms
- Mora Lake Community Chat | **August 7, 2026**
- SAVE THE DATE: Cookout on the Farm | **August 21, 2026** | Hallan Farm (Pine County)

Funding Opportunities

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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 (submitted)

Annual or Ongoing Funding to Consider Applying For

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