

EXHIBIT A: Meeting Minutes



KANABEC SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT SPECIAL BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

Kanabec SWCD Board Room
2008 Mahogany Street, Suite 3
Mora, MN 55051
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Purpose Statement: *This Board of Supervisors meets regularly, utilizing civic standards to organize ourselves and building capacity and infrastructure as needed to support our goals of achieving better soil and water quality outcomes throughout Kanabec County.*

The public is welcome to attend monthly Board meetings in person at the Kanabec SWCD office (address listed above). Note: Meeting material, including agendas and minutes, is posted on the District website at www.kanabecswcd.org.

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November 1, 2024 Special Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order

9:00 AM

A. Attendance:

- I. **Chair:** Norma Heggernes, **Treasurer:** Kim Johnson, Jon Sanford, Kevin Belkholm, Gene Carda
- II. Others Present: Jaren Peplinski, Jerah Mattson, Emily Larsen, Mary Poelman, Stephanie Paulsen, Zach Guttormson
***Remote attendee**

2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

3. Review and Approval of Agenda (Action Item)

- A. Sanford moved to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Carda. 5 in favor/0 opposed. Motion carried.

1. Discussion

- a. The Board of Supervisors will discuss the role of Kanabec SWCD staff and supervisors (organizational participation) at the November 6 Kanabec County Board of Commissioners public hearing regarding the prospective dissolution of the Snake River Watershed Management Board.

The county board said they would look at the dissolution but want to see some projects in the works. There are two in the process, one being a pit closure and one being a low income septic system. The partnership approved the closure at the last meeting. Mille Lacs and Kanabec previously voted to not dissolve the Snake Board. Aitkin and Pine voted yes to dissolve. There will be a special meeting held on November 6th.

- A. Johnson moved to pass a resolution in support of the dissolution of the Snake River Watershed Management Board.

The motion was seconded by Belkholm. 5 in favor/0 opposed.

Discussion: A previous commissioner wanted the Snake River Management Board to still exist with the thought that the Snake River Partnership Board didn't work. The county adopted and accepted the Partnership Board. If Kanabec SWCD passes the resolution it will be presented at the county board meeting. Mary will present the dissolution on November 5th at the county board meeting at 9:45. The County Board wants to see projects one in the amount of \$20,000 and one below. These "dirt turning" projects will increase opinions on the dissolution. The intent is to catch up on the projects and continue to seek state dollars so projects can continue. It will be addressed at the dissolution meeting the success that Mille Lacs has had in the Rum Watershed. The projects they have completed is the intent of the Snake Partnership Board.

Mary presented her slideshow she will be presenting to the County Board. Feedback was offered by Supervisors and Zach.

Adjourned Sanford moved to adjourn, seconded Johnson. 5 in favor/0 opposed. Motion carried. **9:56 AM**

Submitted by: Jerah Mattson