



# SNAKE RIVER WATERSHED MANAGEMENT BOARD

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## **Minutes of the Snake River Watershed Management Board and Citizen Advisory Committee- April 22, 2013**

Board Members Present: Kim Smith, Roger Tellinghuisen, Mitch Pangerl, Don Niemi

Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) Members Present: Tom Swaim, Jim Swaningson, Roberta Elvecrog, Paul Hoppe, Dean Yorston, Steve Harr, Robert Roseberg, Ray Schultz

Technical Advisors Present: Sam Martin-Pine SWCD, Kelly Osterdyk-Kanabec SWCD, Steve Hughes- Aitkin SWCD, Shannon Rasinski-Kanabec NRCS, Donna Walters-Nelson- Kanabec NRCS, Julie Salmon-Pine County NRCS, Craig Wills-DNR Cambridge

Recording Secretary: Teresa Wickeham, SRW Coordinator

Public Attending: Dave Thingelstad-Knife Lake

### **I. Call to Order/ Additions to Agenda**

The joint April 22, 2013 meeting of the Snake River Watershed Management Board and CAC was called to order at 9:05 by Board Chairman Roger Tellinghuisen.

The SRWMB Chairman called for additions to the agenda

Additions to agenda: none

**CAC:** A motion was made by Roberta Elvecrog, seconded by Ray Schultz to recommend approval of the agenda as presented.

All in favor, motion carried.

**Board:** A motion was made by Kim Smith, seconded by Mitch Pangerl to approve the agenda as presented.

All in favor, motion carried.

### **II. Approval of Minutes**

#### **Minutes from February 25, 2013**

**CAC:** A motion was made by Dean Yorston, seconded by Ray Schultz to recommend approval of the minutes of February 25, 2013 with corrects.

All in favor motion carried.

**Board:** A motion was made by Mitch Pangerl, seconded by Don Niemi to approve the February 25, 2013 minutes with corrects.

All in favor, motion carried.

### **III. New Business**

The Board and CAC reviewed invoices presented.

#### **Invoices/Claims:**

Pine County SWCD- Envirothon match for Aitkin and Pine County SWCD-\$200.00

(\$100.00 ea)

**CAC:** A motion was made by Roberta Elvecrog, seconded by Dean Yorston to recommend approval of the invoices as presented.

All in favor, motion carried.

**Board:** A motion was made by Kim Smith seconded by Don Niemi, to approve payment of invoices as presented.

All in favor, motion carried.

**Projects/Proposals:** None

**CAC:**

**Board:**

#### **IV. Old Business**

Salt and Sand Storage and usage from County Engineers- more information requested

#### **V. Updates**

Kanabec SWCD- Kelly Osterdyk- Kelly Osterdyk and Teresa Wickeham to present at St Croix Basin- Implementation meeting on 4-23-13 in Grantsburg WI. Snake River TMDL 1<sup>st</sup> draft is complete with modeling being done to address the Snake River and Cross Lake areas. There are 2 feedlot projects with grant funding of 75% and the Ford Township bridge project to reduce sediment runoff.

Ann Lake- Steve Harr- nothing at this time

Mille Lacs SWCD-Ray Schultz- the Rum River Assessment project is beginning. They are starting interviews for the summer Corp help.

Pine County SWCD-Sam Martin-Pine County sponsored a woodlot management class with 130 participants. There is an upcoming PICKM meeting with guest speaker Chip Wells from MN DNR to talk about aquatic species management,

Aitkin SWCD-Steve Hughes- Aitkin SWCD is updating their fifth generation Water Plan. Aitkin has 6 sub-watersheds that are addressed within the Water Plan.

Kanabec NRCS-Shannon Rasinski-21 contracts within the county consisting of feedlots, pit closures, grazing rotations and tree plantings. This is through EQUIP funds.

Pine County NRCS- Julie Salmon- Pine County is working on the same types of projects as Kanabec NRCS

Cross Lake Association-Dean Yorston-the association is dealing with field run off with sampling and waiting on results.

Knife Lake- Dave Thingelstad-lake core samples done, Knife River mouth/Knife Lake sedimentation issues.

Pokegama Lake- no news at this time

Paul Hoppe- Kanabec CAC-Snake River healthy Waters- There is a report being done on the Snake River Watershed, accomplishments and projects done within it. This is

being done through EPA grant funding given to Minnesota.  
Paul also attended a buffer strip presentation and felt that this should be utilized more.

Pine County Commissioner- Mitch Pangerl- the new Cross Lake Dam project is complete. The project was done to establish connectivity through that area for fisheries. The project looks very good.

MN DNR- Cambridge Hydrologist- Craig Wills- The DNR is in the process of a culvert inventory to address fish passage. They will be assessing under and oversized culverts to be replaced. This is being done in parts of Kanabec, Mille Lacs and Chisago Counties.

Paul Hoppe had asked if the dams will be assessed for connectivity also. The Kathio Dam on the Rum River was discussed.

## **VI. Public Comment/Discussion**

The Board and CAC were reminded that there would not be a meeting in may due to the Memorial Day holiday.

## **VII. Adjourn:**

Having no other business:

**CAC:** A motion was made by Roberta Elvecrog, seconded by Jim Swaningson to adjourn the CAC meeting.

All in favor, motion carried.

**Board:** A motion was made by Kim Smith, seconded by Mitch Pangerl to adjourn the SRW Board meeting.

All in favor, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30am

Respectfully submitted,  
Teresa Wickeham  
Coordinator/Recording Secretary SRWMB