

**Minutes of the Meeting of
Kittson Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors
Held on April 9th, 2009**

The Board of Supervisors of the Kittson Soil & Water Conservation District held its regular scheduled meeting on Thursday, April 9th, 2009, at the Kittson County Farm Service Agency meeting room located in Hallock, Minnesota.

Members present at the meeting included Chairman, Scott Klein; Vice Chairman, Greg Peterson; Secretary, Justin Dagen; and Treasurer, Joe Wilebski. Absent: Public Relations, Ron Anderson.

Others present at the meeting were District Manager, Holly Anderson; District Coordinator, Joanne Quiner; District Clerk, Charles Dziengel; Program Coordinator, Shane Olson and Program Analyst, James Schwab.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Klein. The minutes of the March 12th, 2009, meeting was approved, upon a motion by Dagen, seconded by Peterson, and unanimous vote of the supervisors.

Upon a motion by Wilebski, seconded by Dagen and unanimous vote the treasurer's report was approved as presented by Quiner. Upon a motion by Wilebski, seconded by Dagen, and unanimous vote, for check #2337 through #2358 for the amount of \$11,131.14 for the month of March was approved as presented by Quiner.

Quiner reported the 2006 accounts receivable for \$43.73; 2007 accounts receivable for a total of \$60.46; and 2008 accounts receivable for a total of \$379.41.

Joanne Quiner gave the District Coordinator's report as follows:

Arbor Day trees: Quiner said she is back two days a week and is looking forward to meet with schools to disperse Arbor Day trees.

Holly Anderson gave the District Manager's report as follows:

District activities: Anderson said a staff meeting was held on March 19th and April 6th.

Tree Open House: Anderson said the tree open house was held on March 12th from 1-4 PM.

Web soil survey: Anderson said the web soil survey training was held here on March 19th to demonstrate the updated soil survey.

Wind Energy: Anderson has yet to hear anything from Jeff Hane about the ordinance information she gave him.

Area I Meeting: Peterson, Olson and Anderson attended the March 17th Area Meeting in Ada. Resolutions must be brought to the next meeting to be held in Ada on June 16th. Peterson was kind enough to "volunteer" to be on the nominating committee for the annual meeting election.

New Technical Service Area Meeting: Anderson attended the first Red River Valley Conservation Service Area meeting in Mahanomen on April 7th. Becker was the only district interested in being the host/financial agent. Marshall-Beltrami was the only district interested in being the additional host district. Each district will receive \$5,000 annually. Jerome Flottesch, Becker, was nominated the chairman of the new service area; Linda Hanson, Pennington, was nominated vice chairman; and Pete Revier, Mahanomen, was nominated the secretary/treasurer. Districts will probably have to start charging for Jim Hest's services. Another meeting will be held in June to approve the budget, employee handbook, host district contracts, etc.

Water Plan Update: From Mahanomen Anderson went to Bemidji where she gave my water plan scoping document PowerPoint presentation to the state BWSR board. Anderson said it went very well. The Board approved the scoping document. There was some interesting conversation about whether or not the DNR can "dictate" what it wants to see in the County's plan, as they wanted a statement in the plan about DNR managed areas in the county. Upon a motion by Dagen, seconded by Wilebski, and unanimous vote, to remove the DNR statement about managed lands in Kittson County in the updated Comprehensive Water Plan update.

TSA Area I meeting: Anderson will be attending the old TSA Area I meeting in Thief River Falls on April 14th. This meeting will be to wrap up any odds and ends.

Handicap accessibility: In order to keep her handicap accessibility certificate, Anderson must complete 2.5 more credits of continuing education through the State by January 1, 2010. She will be attending training in May to complete that requirement.

Waffle Plan: Anderson contacted UND's EERC to give a presentation about the Waffle Plan. Beth Kurz gave a presentation on the concept to the Board back in 2003 and will give another presentation in either May or June.

Available Funds: Anderson said the balances listed below are as of March 31st, unless otherwise noted: District, County, \$0; LWMP, \$10,000 County, \$8,910.96 SWCD; CLWP Dedicated Fund \$44,160; WCA, \$5,000 County, \$6,003.28 SWCD; Shoreland, \$0 County, \$1,504.71 SWCD; Feedlot, \$0 County, \$6,353.59 SWCD; SSTS, \$10,000 County, \$2,549.88 SWCD; and Zoning, \$0 County, \$8,376.30 SWCD and Beaver \$4,160.00.

Jim Schwab gave the Program Analyst's report as follows:

USDA Toolkit: Schwab, Olson and Larson attended USDA Toolkit training, on March 26-27th.

WRP: Schwab, Olson and Larson will listen in on a WRP/RIM FOIA teleconference on April 16th at the FSA Office.

EQIP: Schwab said there is a rumor there will be an EQIP sign-up in May.

Area Conservationist: Glen Kajewski was in attendance and didn't have anything in addition to add.

Conservation cooperator: Schwab re-discussed the Conservation cooperator issue with Kajewski.

Shane Olson gave the Program Coordinator's report as follows:

CREP sign-up: Roger Malm sent back abstract and will not perform the title commitment paperwork he performed for BWSR for 35-02-07-01 CREP II easement paperwork. He had a disagreement with Polly Remick at BWSR on how they should be handled. Olson hasn't heard from Polly Remick since Malm talked to her.

AgBMP: Upon a motion by Peterson, seconded by Wilebski, to fund JF-09 tillage loan application for \$50,000 and GL-09 tillage loan application for \$50,000. The current application order is as follows: EL-09, soil saver (possibly May); LJ-09, \$50,000 no-till air seeder and JS-09, \$50,000 no-till air seeder. SA-10 put in an application for equipment in 2010, since he will not be eligible until then.

WCA KCHD: Kelly Bengtson submitted the cross-sections for CSAH 4 up in Caribou Township as requested by Bill Best. He will be up here to look at slide reviews with Olson for CSAH 4 in the near future. Bengtson also submitted plans for CSAH 25 recently.

WCA Training: Olson attended a WCA training in Detroit Lakes on March 26th.

Springbrook project: Dan Money and Olson met with landowners along the RIM / Springbrook project. Interest was about half and half in favor of the project. There is a June 1st deadline to sign up the parcels.

Envirothon: The final Envirothon planning meeting will be held on April 22nd to go over last minute details, for the actual event to be held April 29th at Lake Bronson State Park. Olson will be lead presenter for the Current Events station and Larson will be on that station as well. Anderson will be lead presenter of the presentation station. Dan Money will be lead presenter for the aquatics station. Quiner will handle the food again. Olson has received \$850 in donations so far this year. Olson reminded Dagen for 250 bags of potato chips. Tri-County is sending 3-4 teams and Kittson Central 2 teams.

MACFO: Olson attended a MACFO planning meeting on March 23rd in Warren. The fall conference will be held in Detroit Lakes.

2009 Trees report: This far there have been 3,490 trees ordered from Lee Nursery.

May Board meeting: The next Board meeting is scheduled for May 14th.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Klein.

Justin Dagen, Secretary