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Minutes of the Meeting of

Kittson Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors

Held on Monday April 8th, 2013 in the Kittson County Courthouse meeting room

The Board of Supervisors of the Kittson Soil & Water Conservation District held its regular scheduled meeting on Monday April 8th, 2013 at 1 pm in the Kittson County Courthouse meeting room.

Members present at the meeting included: Chairman, Ron Anderson; Vice Chairman, Heather Peterson; Secretary, Justin Dagen; and Treasurer, Joe Wilebski and Public Relations, C.J. Peterson.

Others present at the meeting were District Manager, Darren Carlson; District Technician, Brian Krippner; District Coordinator, Jamie Osowski; NRCS District Conservationist, Jim Schwab; NRCS Grazing specialist Mark Hayek. Missing, Mark Larson; NRCS Technician.

The minutes from the March 11th board meeting were approved, upon a motion by H. Peterson, seconded by C.J. Peterson and unanimous vote of supervisors.

Upon a motion by Dagen, seconded by H. Peterson and unanimous vote of the supervisors the Treasurer's report was approved as presented by Jamie Osowski.

Jamie Osowski gave the District Coordinator report:

Area I meeting: Jamie and Darren gave an update to the board on the Area I meeting they attended in Crookston on April 3rd.

Bank Signatures: Upon motion by Dagen, seconded by C. Peterson and unanimous vote by supervisors to revoke Joanne Quiner check signing privileges as of April 1st 2013. Also to change Jamie Ingeman's signature to Jamie Osowski as of March 23rd, 2013 when she was married.

Darren Carlson gave the District Manager report

FY 2012 Natural Resources Block Grant (NRGB): Darren gave a report on the remaining funds that need to be spent by June 30, 2013. Feedlot has \$3,453.72 remaining, SSTS has \$6,678.91 remaining, Shoreland has \$1929.97, and WCA has \$4267.89 remaining.

FY 2013 Natural Resources Block Grant (NRGB): Darren reported the amounts remaining in the FY 2013 grants, CLWP \$12,066.28 remaining, Feedlot \$12,750.00 remaining, SSTS \$18,941.00, Shoreland \$5,294.00, WCA \$32,894. These funds need to be spent by June 30th, 2014.

FY 2013 Conservation Delivery Grant: Remaining balance is \$14,127.68 and needs to be spent by 6/30/2014

FY 2013 RIM Easement Delivery Grant: Remaining balance is \$375 and needs to be spent by 6/30/2014.

2013 Kittson SWCD Tree Program: Darren showed the board an updated 2013 tree ledger. Darren stated we have 12 scheduled tree plantings planned for 2013. We have 47 tree order forms and 3700 trees left in inventory.

State Cost Share:

-FY 12-07 Chris Swenson Farmstead Shelterbelt (Richardville 34) 4 rows at 400 feet long, cost estimate is \$1,306.13 (Site prep, planting, trees, and tree mat roller). State Cost Share (75%) \$ 979.60. Motion by Dagen and seconded by CJ Peterson to approve Chris Swenson's Farmstead Shelterbelt.

-Encumbered Funds- FY11-02 Joel Lindegard 2 well sealings for \$315 and \$157.50 CLWP; FY12-05 Nathan Younggren well sealing for \$357.50 and \$178.75 CLWP, FY 12-06 Brian Ingeman, shelterbelt renovation and establishment for \$851.48, FY 12-04 Jan Carr, well sealing \$357.50 plus \$178.75 CLWP.

-Darren reported the remaining FY 2012 State Cost Share funds that need to be used by 6/30/13 or we lose is \$5,507.09 + \$1,376.77 (T&A).

Spring Newsletter: The spring newsletter was mailed out Friday April 5th. We sent out approximately 2,300 newsletters.

District Equipment: Darren and Brian spoke with the board about equipment that is needed at for upcoming projects. Brian spoke with the board about a GPS that will be needed for CAI, water monitoring and WCA projects. He researched a Nomad GPS for \$5,000. Brian spoke to the board about software for the GPS to improve accuracy. The board agreed to try the Nomad GPS without the software and see how it works. Brian then spoke to the board about possible cameras for the district. Justin recommended we get a submersible camera since we will be using this camera for water monitoring projects. Brian found a Nikon Coolpix waterproof camera for \$325. Upon motion by Dagen, seconded by H. Peterson and unanimous vote from board, the district will purchase the Nomad GPS Unit and the Nikon Waterproof Camera.

Darren mentioned to the board about possibly buying a new pickup for the district or adding another vehicle to the fleet when we have meetings in different locations.

International Water Institute Surface Water Assessment Grant: Need motion and approval to conduct this project for the IWI when snow melts through September. Grant amount is \$7,630 (\$6,000 for personnel, \$1155 for shipping, \$ 380 for shipping and \$95 for supplies) Motion by Dagen, Seconded by Wilebski and unanimous vote from board.

DuWayne Ditterich RIM: The Kittson County FSA Committee has determined they will reinstate DuWayne and Jennifer Ditterich's CREP II CRP contract upon the landowner's acquisition of the required RIM easement. The RIM easement must be equivalent to the original CREP II agreement. 11 acres will be paid \$334.06/acre and 23.5 acres will be paid \$933/acres.

Jim Schwab gave the NRCS Report:

EQIP: Jim reported that he has not received any more funding for EQIP or AWIP.

Signups- Jim reported that there will be a CRP Signup on May 20th and possibly a Stewardship signup in the future.

Mark Hayek, grazing specialist from Area office gave an update on his position with the grazing systems and informed the board on the Tri-State Conservation Grazing workshop coming up. He asked the board for future sponsorship for this seminar.

Brian Krippner gave the District Technician report:

Wetland Banking: Brian gave an update on the Wetland Banking mitigation.

Dean Carlson Violation: Brian reported about Dean's violation restoration application and Dean would like to move the ditch and dike to the upland on the field border.

Board Member on TEP Panel: Board members had questioned the possibility of a board member being on the TEP panel. Brian did some research and found that board members should not serve on the panel.

Certified Ag Inspector- Brian has been doing seed sampling and he has a few that he needs to get done before the seed gets in the ground.

Dalmatian Toadflax Update: Brian is having an informational meeting on April 25th on the Toadflax problem. He wants to get going on this before it gets out of hand. He has been talking to other states that have had problems with this weed and checked on herbicide and additive options.

MACAI meeting: Motion by H. Peterson, seconded by C.J Peterson and unanimous vote from board for Brian to attend MACAI training in Red Wing in July.

May Board Meeting: The May Board Meeting will be held on Thursday May 2nd at 7:30 AM at the Kennedy Café.

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

Justin Dagen, Secretary

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "JD Dagen", written over a horizontal line.

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