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**Minutes of the Meeting of**

**Kittson Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors**

**Held on Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 7:00 AM at the Kittson Soil and Water  
Conservation District Office.**

The Board of Supervisors of the Kittson Soil & Water Conservation District held its regular scheduled meeting on April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 7:00 AM in the Kittson Soil and Water Conservation Office.

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

Others present at the meeting were District Manager, Darren Carlson; District Coordinator, Jamie Osowski, District Technician Justin Muller and NRCS District Conservationist; Jim Schwab and District Technician Jacob Swaney.

The minutes from the March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Board meeting were approved upon motion by Wilebski and Seconded by Anderson and unanimous vote of supervisors.

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

Jamie Osowski gave the District Coordinator report:

Year End Reporting: Jamie reported that the year-end report was sent out in the packet, she reported that she has a couple issues that she was getting help on with BWSR. Upon Motion by Dagen and Seconded by Anderson and unanimous vote of supervisors, the year-end financials will be submitted to BWSR.

Arbor Day trees: Jamie stated to the board that she received the numbers from the schools for the number of students in grade K-4 at the 5 schools in the county. Jamie ordered 325 trees from North Central Reforestation.

Quickbooks Update: Jamie reported that starting May 31<sup>st</sup>, if Quickbooks is not updated to the 2015 edition we will lose our service. Jamie reported that the new version will cost \$229.95. Upon motion by Dagen and Seconded by Anderson and unanimous vote of supervisors, Jamie will update the current Quickbooks.

Envirothon: Jamie spoke to the board about this year's event which will be held on April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015 at Lake Bronson State Park. Justin Dagen will provide the chips for the event.

New Apparel for staff: Jamie asked the board about new apparel for the staff with the new logo and also spoke to them about a table cover that will be ordered from Universal Screenprint in Thief River Falls.

Easement Implementation Grant: Darren spoke to the board about the Easement Implementation Grant money that is currently in deferred revenue. Asked the board what they would like to see this money go toward. Spoke about renting a tractor and Darren stated he will talk to local implements and see what it would cost to rent one. We will put this money under the general fund and use it toward rental costs.

Jim Schwab gave the NRCS report:

Danny Weber: Danny is out of ICU and in rehab in Grand Forks.

Continuous CRP: Jim explained that FSA sent out a letter to all landowners with expiring CRP and there have been landowners coming in. 7,065 acres are expiring (96 contracts)

General CRP: No signup at this time.

CSP and EQIP: Jim reported that the CSP and EQIP signups are done, just working on processing them now.

Grazing Systems: Jim reported that Mark Hayek has been coming up and working with Jacob on a Grazing plan.

NRCS Office Appraisal: Jim reported that the office appraisal was completed for the office. No results have been received at this time.

Justin Muller gave the District Technician Report

WCA: Justin stated that Dale Krystosek came up and they visited with Two River Watershed District about the Klondike Project and mitigating the land for the project.

CAI: Justin reported that he will be doing seed sampling with Jeff Sira from MDA in the next week.

Other: Justin reported that he attended the soils training through NRCS on March 31<sup>st</sup> and April 1<sup>st</sup>. He also reported that he will have Feedlot training in Willmar on April 28<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>.

Darren Carlson gave the District Manager report

Trees: Darren reported that there are 4000 trees left for sale and 14 tree plantings. Not sure on a delivery date, but hoping in the next 2 weeks.

Brillion Drill: Darren reported that the drill is signed up to be used for 960 acres on 16 contracts.

Well Sealing's: Discussion was had on well sealing's, Darren reported that he sent out letters to the local counties well sealers (7 contractors) He said he received 1 response back. There are potentially 6 well sealings in the county this year.

Zoning: Darren reported that Lance Hapka's variance was approved and there are 2 other pending variances coming up. Jamie reported that the recent zoning invoice was sent up to the county.

Clean Water Funds: Darren reported that he will have contracts for Clean Water Funds to sign at the May meeting. Waiting for Roseau County FSA to get contracts ready.

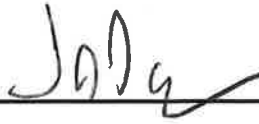
New Proposed State Grant: Darren spoke to the board about a proposed email stating that SWCD's could be seeing more funding.

Buffers: Darren spoke to the board about the Governors Buffer Initiative; discussion was had. Darren spoke to the board about the Area 1 Meeting that was held in Crookston on March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015 and the whole meeting was about the potential Buffer Initiative.

May 2015 Board Meeting: The May board meeting is scheduled for May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 7AM.

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned.

Justin Dagen, Secretary



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