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Minutes of the Meeting of

Kittson Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors

**Held on Wednesday April 12th, 2017 at 7:00 AM at Kittson County Courthouse
Meeting Room.**

The Board of Supervisors of the Kittson Soil & Water Conservation District held its regular scheduled meeting on April 12th, 2017 at 7:00 AM at the Kittson County Courthouse meeting room.

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

Others present at the meeting were District Technician Jeremy Benson and District Administrator Jamie Osowski, District Conservationist Jim Schwab and Soil Conservationist Michael Steinhauer.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Peterson.

The minutes from the March 8th, 2017, Board meeting were reviewed and upon motion by Dagen and Seconded by Wilebski and unanimous vote of supervisors to approve the March 2017 minutes.

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

Jim Schwab gave the NRCS Report:

CSP/EQIP: Jim reported that 2 EQIP contracts have been funded for Side Water Inlets. There have been 8 applications for CSP, but they are unsure on funding at this time.

CRP: Jim reported that CRP has been steady with buffers and wetland restorations. Writing plans will keep him busy most of the year. Jim also reported that a deadline for Buffer CRP contracts was discussed between FSA, NRCS, and SWCD, FSA would like to have paperwork in their office by mid-July. We are all working together on this.

NRCS Computers: Jim reported that he has not heard anything more from his agency on the SWCD's coming off the NRCS computers.

Justin Muller was absent from the April Meeting. Jamie gave his report.

Buffers: There was an LGU meeting held March 14th with the County Commissioners, Watersheds (Two Rivers, Joe, and Roseau), BWSR, County Engineer and the Kittson SWCD. The main purpose of the meeting was to discuss enforcing the buffer law. There was good discussion among everyone. The county commissioners expressed that they would prefer to elect enforcement over BWSR and

that the Kittson SWCD administer the enforcement for the county. As of now there is no money that is tied to enforcement and all parties stated that they would have no desire to enforce if there was no money. There are numerous bills in legislative session regarding the buffer law, so the same group will convene in June to discuss more. Alternative practices were discussed, question was asked to the board on how hard we should be pushing alternative practices to those with the needs for buffers as they will be an increased workload to the office. The board stated that they would like the office to make sure we do make it know that there are these options, but understand they don't work for everyone and we can make that decision case by case and answer any questions landowners may have on it.

Feedlot: Justin is attending the 2017 MACFO conference in Moorhead MN and is also working on re-registering.

WCA: Justin is having discussions with landowners on cleaning ditches and is also working through ongoing projects.

Cover Crop Initiative: The radio ads are helping get people in the office to ask about it. Mark and Neil Wiese of Kenneth Wiese Inc. submitted a contract for an 80 acre single species cover crop for a total of \$3600. Upon motion by Dagen and seconded by H. Peterson and unanimous vote of supervisors, the Wiese cover crop for \$3600 was approved.

Other: Tree orders are coming in and inventory is looking good. Site checks for buffers will start when the water recedes. Jamie presented the board with an e-mail Justin received from the Tallgrass Aspen Parklands on available conservation easement acquisition on prairie grasslands and wetlands.

Jeremy Benson gave the District Technician Report

One Watershed One Plan: Jeremy reported that he has been receiving back the first round of feedback on the One Watershed One Plan application. Deadline is Wednesday April 19th.

Pickup Bids: Four written bids were received for the 2007 Chevy pickup with the highest bid coming in at \$10,010. Dealer bids came in at \$14,000. Upon motion by Dagen and Seconded by Wilebski and unanimous vote of supervisors, the written bids were declined and the dealer trade was accepted.

Buffers: Jeremy reported he and Justin performed a buffer site visit and the landowners liked the way they handled the measuring. Jeremy reported that they have 33 sites of 50 foot buffers to perform site checks on this year.

Rainfall Data Sheets: Jeremy reported that he has been receiving the rainfall and snowfall data from March.

State Cost Share: Jeremy reported that he performed site checks with Jim Hest from the RRVCSA and Stephanie Klamm, DNR Hydrologist at 2 sites for potential State Cost Share projects.

Other: Jeremy reported that he attended the Joint Annual Conference of the Red River Watershed Management Board and Red River Flood Damage Reduction Work Group on March 22-23 in Moorhead. Jeremy also reported that Envirothon is coming up April 26th at Lake Bronson State Park and he judged the science fair at Kittson Central High School.

Jamie Osowski gave the District Manger report:

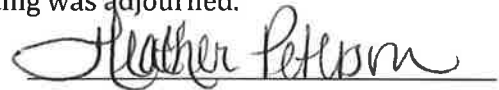
Building Update: Jamie reported that the Fairboard is working with Attorney Dennis Sobolik to have the lease contract drawn up between the Kittson SWCD and the Kittson County Agriculture Society for the new building at the fairgrounds. Jamie also showed the board the sign proposal Justin received from Hanson Manufacturing for the building. The signs would be green around the top and blue along Kittson. Jeremy Folland from the Kittson County Fair Board is also going to receive a bid on a 12'x24' overhead door for one entrance into the building.

Ag BMP Loan: Jamie received an Ag BMP loan from Erik Lindegard for a chopping corn header for \$85,000. Motion was made by H. Peterson and Seconded by Dagen and unanimous vote of supervisors to approve the Ag BMP loan for Erik Lindegard for a total of \$85,000.

Other: Jamie reported on upcoming meetings for the office and Board Memebers. Meetings include a TSA meeting at Mahnomen attended on April 5th, Envirothon on April 26th, Jamie will be attending Quickbooks training on May 8-9th, State Envirothon is May 15th in Stewartville MN, MCIT Training in Minneapolis on May 11th, the summer Area 1 Meeting is June 20th at UMC, Jamie will be helping host the Administrative Session in Walker MN along with the rest of Area 1 on June 28th and 29th, Governance Training on Septemeber 14th-15th in Minneapolis, board members are encouraged to attend, and BWSR Academey will be held on November 1-3rd in Brainerd MN. The Kittson County 4-H coordinator asked if we would have staff available to help judge during the fair again. Jamie included information in board members packets on resoultions to MASWCD, they are due by July 21st. Jeremy and Jamie also attended Representative Fabian's Town Hall Meeting in Karlstad on April 11th.

May Board Meeting: The April Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday May 10th, 2017 at 7:00 AM in the Kittson County Courthouse meeting room.

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



Heather Peterson, Secretary
