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Minutes of the Meeting of

Kittson Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors

**Held on Wednesday April 10th, 2019 at 8:00 AM at Kittson County Courthouse
Meeting Room**

The Board of Supervisors of the Kittson Soil and Water Conservation District held its regular scheduled meeting on Wednesday March 13th, 2019 at 8:00 AM at the Kittson meeting room. Members present at the meeting included: Chairman CJ Peterson, Vice Chairman Joe Wilebski, Secretary Heather Peterson, Treasurer Andrew and Public Relations Sam Anderson.

Others present at the meeting were District Manager Jamie Osowski, District Technician Justin Muller, District Technician Jeremy Benson, District Outreach Specialist Heather Donoho, Jim Schwab, and Michael Steinhauer.

The minutes from the March 13th, 2018 board meeting were approved upon motion by Wilebski and seconded by Muir and unanimous vote of supervisors.

The treasurer's report was then presented to the board. H. Peterson made a motion to approve treasurer's report as presented and seconded by Wilebski and unanimous vote of supervisors.

New Business:

Radio Ads: Jeremy presented the radio ad proposal from KNDK. Jeremy stated that we would have enough ideas to run for 1 year of radio ads. After discussing the prices and ad ideas with the board, motion was made by Wilebski and Seconded by H. Peterson and unanimous vote of supervisors to run radio ad's on KDNK for 12 months.

1W1P: Jeremy reported to the board that the agreement with Jody Horntvedt for the Citizen's advisory and Technical advisory meeting in Greenbush on April 25th. The Agreement was for \$925. Chairman Peterson signed the agreement. Jeremy also stated that the International Water Institute revised their agreement with the Kittson SWCD, the amount stayed the same, they just needed to

move some funds around within the agreement. Joe had signed the previous agreement, so he re-signed this agreement for the IWI.

State Cost Share: Jeremy reported that we have an estimate from Leader Well Drilling for a well sealing in Granville 4 for Todd Nelson. The bid came in at \$875.00.

Staff Reports:

Jim and Michael gave an update on programs; CSP signup is available until May 10th. Jim recommends anyone interested in CPS to go to the NRCS website and look at the enhancements. Jim also gave an update on CRP Signups, there will be a continuous signup this summer and a general signup in the winter. Michael gave an update on the EQIP signup, he stated he has 1 grazing plan funded. They also reported that there is another 4-5 million that should be coming to Area 1 and they are hoping they can fund a couple more with those funds. Michael also reported that he is going to be transferring to the Roseau office 3 days a week and will still be coming to Hallock on Tuesday's and Thursdays. There will be a Soil Health Day in Mahnomen on May 4th.

Heather gave her report, she gave an update on the events she has planned to come. She stated that she is looking to do community events, a collaboration event with West Polk and 4-H collaborations through the spring and summer. Heather then updated on her progress with the Moose Point Learning center, she was hoping to get out there for an event this year, but it is looking like she will use this year for finishing up the clearing of trails and deciding where signs can go. Heather updated on the events she has held, including the tree donation to the Veterans memorial site in Lake Bronson, discussion was had on the species of tree to donate. Heather also brought up discussion on the Soil Health Tour being held on July 24-26. Each district is asked to invite 2 landowners that will be fully paid for. Upon discussion by the board, Heather will ask Michael Larson, Kurt and Adam Aakre and Kris Folland.

Justin gave his report, he has been working on 2 applications for the Hallock Fish Passage Dam and the Hallock Coop road in Skane. Justin also reported that he has been attending Big Swamp meetings. Justin stated that the trees will be in on Monday May 6th, we ordered around 7,500 and have sold over half of them so far. Justin then discussed with the board on adding practices to our Non-Structural Land Management Practices. A landowner stopped in wondering if we help on Strip Tillage. We currently only have our policy stating Cover Crops. Justin asked for the boards opinion on offering these practices as well. The board was open to these practices being in the policy and the office will figure out payments and acre caps and have this wrote up for the May Board meeting.

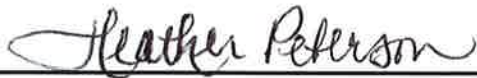
Jeremy gave his report to the board. First on Buffers, Jeremy discussed that he has 2 new contracts for Buffer Cost Share; one with Kittson County for County Ditch 19 and for Stan Visness. Jeremy also stated that he has been receiving calls from landowners worried about receiving calls on their buffers not being in, Jeremy stated he is telling the landowners not to worry about calls this year and to try their hardest to get them in. He also stated if we do not hear from landowners on their Buffers, we will need to start sending them certified letters. Jeremy then stated that the 1W1P steering team will be meeting on April 15th to prioritize the policy trust workshop on April 25th in

Greenbush. Jeremy stated that at that meeting we will have to designate a new chairman as Daryl Klegstad will not be able to hold that position due to beginning a new job. Jeremy stated that Kris Folland applied for a MAWQCP 75% or \$5,000 grant through the MDA. This grant will be between Kris and the MDA so the Kittson SWCD will not be doing anymore work though it. The tree planter will be shipping at the beginning of May. Jeremy also stated that we have 3 new rain gauge readers for the year.

Jamie Osowski reported on the changes for BWSR financial reporting, the final numbers will be submitted following the audit this summer. Jamie asked the board on the apparel they would like for meetings and board pictures, Jamie will submit this order to Universal Screenprint. Jamie asked the board on their feelings of standup desks for the office, Jamie will contact the office furniture supplier to see what they can do and get an estimate. Jamie reported on the opportunity for the Kittson SWCD to collaborate with the Kittson County Fair Board and help sponsor Peterson Brothers Farm, first we found out from BWSR that we were not able to sponsor this type of event, but then they came back and stated we could use fund to sponsor this educational event. After discussion with the board motion was made by Muir and seconded by Wilebski and unanimous vote of supervisors to sponsor the event at the amount of \$500.00. Discussion was had on the upcoming board meeting with busy season for board members and staff coming up. It was decided to tentatively plan to keep the board meeting dates the same.

The next board meeting will be on Wednesday May 8th, 2019 at

8 AM in the Kittson County downstairs Meeting Room.



Heather Peterson, Secretary

Date