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Minutes of the Meeting of

Kittson Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors

Held on Friday, August 14th, 2015 at 7:00 AM at the Kittson SWCD Office.

The Board of Supervisors of the Kittson Soil & Water Conservation District held its regular scheduled meeting on August 14th, 2015 at 7:00 AM at The Kittson SWCD 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 Coordinator, Jamie Osowski, District Technician Justin Muller and NRCS District Conservationist; Jim Schwab.

The minutes from the June 22nd, 2015 Special Board minutes were approved upon motion by Dagen and Seconded by Anderson and unanimous vote of supervisors.

The minutes from the July 10th, 2015 board minutes were approved upon motion by H. Peterson and Seconded by Wilebski and unanimous vote of supervisors.

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

Jim Schwab and Jacob Swaney gave the NRCS report:

August is Women's Equality Month

CRP: Jim gave an update on the CRP contracts that he is working on.

Contract signing authority: Jim reported that Justin Muller should have signing authority for the Kittson SWCD. Upon motion by Wilebski and seconded by Anderson and unanimous of the supervisors.

Jacob's last day: Jacob's last day was Friday August 7th, 2015. Mark Hayek will be at the office for a week to review all the grazing for payments.

WRP Project: Jim explained to the board about a WRP Project in Caribou 24.

Danny Weber Update: Danny is back working full time.

Justin Muller gave the District Technician Report

WCA: Justin stated he is working on a Wetland Deliniation for tax forfeited land in Kittson County. Justin also stated that he will not be involved in the Perry Kostrzewski case with the DNR.

CAI: Justin stated that the Minnesota Conservation Corps sprayed for Toadflax, there were 4 MCC staff and 3 County staff spraying. No new sightings have been reported Emily Justine is the head of the special weed spraying and she stated they will be spraying again in late September. Hoping to get some more funding for the spraying of Dalmatian Toadflax in the future.

Feedlot: Justin stated that Michelle from the Minnesota PCA was here to conduct a mid-year review on the feedlots.

Groundwater Training: Justin attended Groundwater training in Otter Tail, he found it very interesting to hear what other counties are doing and what the DNR wants to see.

Brillion Drill: Justin explained that the drill is currently in need of some repairs, the board suggested bringing it to Hanson Manufacturing in Lancaster.

Jamie Osowski gave the District Coordinator/Manager report:

Audit: Jamie reported that the Audit was conducted on July 29th, will have results at the end of August.

Outstanding Conservationist/Rural Beautification: Jamie reported that the article on Merle and Marlys Nelson was submitted to the newspaper. Asked the board what they would like to see for gifts for the recipients. Yard sign for both Outstanding Conservationist and Rural Beautification Award winners, Jamie will check with Universal Screenprint.

Well Sealing: Jamie reported that the bid for Lorne Spilde's well sealing in Norway Township was received for the amount of \$1300. Payment will be \$500 from State Cost Share, \$500 from County Well Sealing and \$300 from Landowner. Motion was made by Dagen and Seconded by Anderson and unanimous vote of supervisors to approve the bid by Jon Leader.

Clean Water Funds: Jamie reported that all the supporting information for Mark Stephens CWF contracts was received and the signed payment vouchers were received back from Mark Stephens for Contracts FY 2012-07, FY 2012-09, and FY 2012-10 for a total of \$24,828. Motion was made by Wilebski and Seconded by Dagen and unanimous vote of supervisors to approve payment for the CWF contracts.

State Cost Share: Received signed voucher and payment from Mark Langehaug for State Cost Share field windbreak contract FY 2013-05 for a total State Cost Share payment of \$538.00. Motion was made by Dagen and Seconded by H. Peterson and unanimous vote of supervisors to approve payment to Mark Langehaug.

FY 2016-2017 SWCD Program and Operation Grant Agreement: Motion was made by Dagen and seconded by H. Peterson and unanimous vote of supervisors to approve the Grant Agreement for 2016 Conservation Delivery, Easement Delivery and State Cost Share.

Area 1 Meeting: Discussion was had on Kittson SWCD hosting the next Area 1 Meeting in November. Exact date is unknown, but asked Board Members to be thinking of a location to hold it.

Zoning: Discussion was had on the Kittson SWCD and Zoning. Jamie and Joe will attend next commissioners meeting and discuss the reason for the increase in the budget.

District Manager Position: Motion was made by H. Peterson and Seconded by Dagen and unanimous vote of supervisors to approve the hiring of Jamie Osowski as Kittson SWCD District Manager.

September 2015 Board Meeting: The September Board meeting is scheduled for September 11th, 2015 at 7AM.

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

Justin Dagen, Secretary

Heather Peterson, Vice Chair