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Minutes of the Meeting of

Kittson Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors

**Held on Wednesday August 8th, 2018 at 7:00 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 August 8th, 2018 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, and Treasurer Justin Dagen. Others present at the meeting were District Manager Jamie Osowski, District Technician Jeremy Benson, and Soil Conservationist Michael Steinhauer. Public Relations Board Member Ron Anderson, District Technician Justin Muller, District Outreach Technician Maddy Rehn, and District Conservationist Jim Schwab were absent.

The minutes from last month's meeting were presented to the board. Justin Dagen moved to approve the minutes as presented and Joe Wilebski seconded. The minutes were passed unanimously.

The treasurer's report was then presented to the board. Justin Dagen motioned to approve the treasurer's report, Heather Peterson seconded, and the report was passed unanimously.

New Business was brought up next. Jeremy gave an update on Paul Gillie's rock chute. It's been finished and all signed off on. Payment vouchers have been received and photos are available. A motion was made by Joe Wilebski to sign off on the payment voucher and disperse funds. Justin Dagen seconded and it passed unanimously.

Next Michael Steinhauer gave the NRCS report in Jim Schwab's stead. Jim has a new boss stationed out of Fergus Falls covering previous areas 1 and 2. A few positions have been opened, DC in Crookston. Working on re-enrollments which are due by the end of August. Checking CRP stands to make sure grass is established. CSP should be signed shortly and nothing new with EQIP. CRP haying was also discussed and nothing has been announced in regards to emergency haying.

Jamie Osowski then gave Maddy Rehn's Outreach Technician report. She updated the board on Moose Point, that the trails were starting to be worked on, then told them details of the

Conservation Tour. There were 22 attendees and lots of good feedback. Jamie then brought up the Rainfall Simulator situation. Roseau does not want to partake which would mean splitting the cost in half with Pennington. The topic was tabled until the September meeting. There were also a couple AgBMP loans brought in. One for \$45,000 and the other for \$70,000. Justin Dagen moved to approve both applications and Joe Wilebski seconded. They passed unanimously.

Justin Muller's report was then given by Jamie Osowski as well, as he was at a leadership training. He has done 2 WCA site visits for wetland banks, approved BNSF applications for bridge replacement, and an Enbridge pipeline maintenance application. The next topic was WCA resolutions need through the PRAP clarifying who does what. The SWCD needs to accept WCA delegation from the County and decide which applications the board wants to approve and which can be delegated to staff. Justin met with county board to introduce the resolutions to be approved at their August meeting, including accepting WCA from the state and delegating it to the SWCD, which can then be approved by the SWCD Board. It was then reported that Tom Docken put in a Forested Riparian Buffer in Hampden for \$437 with 75% coming out of Local Capacity. Justin Dagen motioned to pay the 75%, Heather Peterson seconded, and it passed unanimously.

There was also a Low Income SSTS project brought forth for a total of \$6200 with the contract totaling \$4960. The board opted to approve the contract through a motion by Heather Peterson, second by Joe Wilebski, and unanimous vote.

It was also reported that the district has been receiving payment vouchers for the Cover Crop Incentive Program and Jamie is approving them per policy. There is one upcoming fall cover crop to be seeded that will need to be paid later.

Jeremy Benson then gave his District Technician's report. The office paid out Stewart's and the County's buffers, and vouchers have been received from Rickenberg and Two Rivers Watershed. He also reported that the office has been seeing more interest in buffer cost share, and that 6 buffers were planted in last two weeks. Monitoring and tracking procedures need to be developed for the Buffer Law as well. BWSR gave the office guidelines to look at including different options for how to approach it.

1W1P update - Matt Fischer came up and went over the next steps. He suggested that a steering team and policy committee start to be formed. Scheduling for those meetings will be coming up. Matt also said that it sounds promising that we will be selected to continue on in the process.

Other - Weberg's project should be getting underway soon. A Clean Water Fund grant application is being worked on to develop a field windbreak program using water quality data.

Jamie Osowski then gave her District Manager's report. Jamie brought up the last year in review sheet and showed the board the handout outlining the last year and the upcoming and possible projects which she also shared with the County Board. Next, she discussed capacity funds and the need for a meeting later this year to brainstorm potential uses. Then she shared with the board about her meeting with MCIT about risk management. She also attended a State Managers Meeting in St. Cloud and reported it was a very informative meeting in terms of policy and

operating within other districts. Jamie also brought up the holiday season to discuss days off as Christmas and New Years are on Tuesdays this year. The board decided to offer a half day off on both Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. Upcoming board attendance events include an area meeting in Crookston on November 20th.

The next board meeting will be September 12th, 2018 at 7 AM in the Kittson County Courthouse Meeting Room.

Heather Peterson

9/12/2018

Heather Peterson, Secretary

Date