

**Minutes of the Meeting of  
Kittson Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors  
Held on December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

The Board of Supervisors of the Kittson Soil & Water Conservation District held its regular scheduled meeting on Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009, at the Kittson County Farm Service Agency meeting room located in Hallock, Minnesota.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Klein.

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

Others present at the meeting were District Manager, Darren Carlson; District Coordinator, Joanne Quiner; Program Coordinator, Shane Olson; Conservation Technician, Mark Larson.

The minutes of the November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009, meeting was approved, upon a motion by Peterson, seconded by Anderson, and unanimous vote of the supervisors.

Upon a motion by Wilebski, seconded by Peterson and unanimous vote the treasurer's report was approved as presented by Quiner. Upon a motion by Wilebski, seconded by Peterson, and unanimous vote, for check #2601 through #2630 for the amount of \$27,173.88 for the month of November was approved as presented by Quiner.

Accounts receivable: Quiner reported there is no accounts receivable from past years.

Joanne Quiner gave the District Coordinator's report as follows:

District Clerk position: Klein said he spoke with Dziengel about the District Clerk position. Upon a motion by Wilebski, seconded by Peterson and unanimous vote, to not bring District Clerk Charles Dziengel back at this time due to Quiner's pending retirement this year and to pay Dziengel's severance. Quiner said she would bring a copy of the minutes to American Federal Bank to get Dziengel's signature off of the signature cards for checking and banking.

Darren Carlson gave the District Manager's report as follows:

Red River Basin Commission: Carlson attended the Red River Basin Commission (RRBC) Meeting in Langdon, ND on November 16<sup>th</sup>. They met with area citizens about long term flood solutions pertaining to the Red River. Items discussed were: what should the RRBC goals be, small and large wetland restorations, impoundments, urban holding areas, and the diversion channel around Fargo/Moorhead, which will most likely will be a diversion in MN, and not in ND.

Area I meeting: Kittson SWCD hosted the Area I meeting on November 19<sup>th</sup> in Ada. Olson organized the event and prepared the agenda. Since Kittson SWCD was in charge of registration that day, it was up to us to purchase rolls and refreshments for that morning, which was just over \$100. Registration was collected and ended up about \$70 short which was submitted to Area Treasurer Greg Hilgeman for reimbursement. Senator Keith Langseth was a speaker, discussed the 2010 Legislative Outlook. Also Steve Woods, BWSR, was a speaker, discussed Clean Water Legacy and District Funding Trends.

CLWP: Carlson held a Water Resources Advisory Committee (WRAC) meeting on November 23<sup>rd</sup>, which is a requirement for the County Local Water Plan. Discussions, changes and additions were made to the plan. All 12 WRAC members were present. Plan was altered and given to the commissioners as reading material on December 1<sup>st</sup>. Anderson will meet with them to go over the plan on December 15<sup>th</sup>. If approved, plan will then go to the BWSR Regional Supervisor and then the state review agency.

Zoning: Olson and Carlson Zoning Committee meeting on November 23<sup>rd</sup>. We discussed zoning for towers and wind turbines.

Courthouse Safety meeting: Carlson attended the Annual County Safety Meeting December 2<sup>nd</sup>. A PowerPoint presentation was given by Barb Schmitz of Plummer. It stated that 180,000 US citizens die from accidental death per year. Men are twice as likely. Farmers rank number 6 as the most dangerous occupations. Texting and driving you increase your chances of an accident by 400%!

Administrators Meeting: Carlson attended the Courthouse Administrator's meeting on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. They discussed cleaning hallway by our office. Thanks to Quiner for helping setup Christmas tree and other decorations in the courthouse/office.

MASWCD Convention: Olson, his wife Amy and Carlson attended the MASWCD Convention December 6-9<sup>th</sup> at Duluth. They attended several mini-sessions including one about Lake Superior shipwrecks. They all three attended the banquet and had supper with Leann Buck, Executive Director of MASWCD and newly elected Vice Chairmen Ian Cunningham of Pipestone county.

Clean Water Legacy grant: Carlson recently mailed a letter to the landowners in the North Branch of the Two Rivers to see who would be interested if we received grant money for grass filter strips, field windbreaks, wetland restorations, etc.; and submitted it to BWSR on December 1<sup>st</sup>.

Arc View: Carlson will attend Arc View Training January 19-20<sup>th</sup> with Schwab. Olson and Larson will attend January 11-12<sup>th</sup>.

Soil survey books: Recently, over 800 soil survey books were recycled by Schwab, Larson, Olson and Carlson. These soil surveys are kept in storage and the County would like to clean up the vault.

Mark Larson gave the NRCS' report as follows:

CSP: Larson talked about the CSP sign-up.

EQIP: Larson said there is possible a sign-up going to be held in February.

Grazing workshop: Larson said there will be a grazing workshop held sometime in January in Staples.

Food drive: Larson said Schwab put him in charge of a NRCS food drive for the Kittson County food shelf.

Shane Olson gave the Program Coordinator's report as follows:

Staff meeting: A staff meeting was held on December 1<sup>st</sup>.

AgBMP: Upon a motion by Wilebski, seconded by Anderson and unanimous vote to fund BL-09 conservation tillage loan application for \$24,000 and KG-09 loan application for \$50,000. The current application order is as follows: EL-10, DJ-10, SA-10, WM-10 and ML-10.

RIM sign-up: Olson completed mapping of each easement, however BWSR staff needs them sent in a different format. Olson stated Two Rivers Watershed District did not receive funding from FEMA for the project and Money did submit an application for Clean Water Legacy funding.

WCA Violations: Olson hasn't seen anything in the mail yet from Conservation Officer, Ben Huener about wetland violations reported by Donovan Pietruszewski during aerial flights last November. One was on Gary Johnson's property and the other on CD 23 road North of Goldstrand's.

Feedlot re-registration: Olson has been receiving some re-registrations of feedlots as they were sent out to the 24 who have registered in the past. He will send out a reminder letter to those who haven't turned them in next week as the deadline is January 1<sup>st</sup>.

Feedlot work plan: Olson completed the 2010-2011 work plan and sent to MPCA contact Mike Sharp.

State Cost share: Olson says he currently has two well sealing applications for FY09-08 in Poppleton and FY09-07 in Springbrook and presented bills to pay FY08-06 streambank stabilization project. Upon a motion by Wilebski, seconded by Peterson and unanimous vote to encumber FY 09-07 for \$337.50 from State cost share and \$112.50 from CLWP cost share; encumber FY 09-08 for \$562.50 from State cost share and \$187.50 from CLWP cost share; and pay FY08-06 for \$3270.00 for the streambank stabilization project.

Trees: Olson suggested raising the price of trees and selling them by the bundle. Upon a motion by Wilebski, seconded by Peterson and unanimous vote to raise the price of individual conservation tree stock to \$1.25 and \$1.50 for special tree orders such as Cranberry, Ceder and some others and sell them by the bundle.

Newsletter: Plans are to send out a Newsletter in the coming weeks and will have a tree order form in it.

Crop Improvement Day: Olson will have a Crop Improvement Day booth at the end of January.

January Board meeting: The next Board meeting is scheduled for January 14<sup>th</sup>.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Klein.

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Justin Dagen, Secretary