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Minutes of the Meeting of

Kittson Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors

**Held on Wednesday December 12th, 2018 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 December 12th, 2018 at 8:00 AM at the Kittson County Courthouse meeting room. Members present at the meeting included: Chairman CJ Peterson, Vice Chairman Joe Wilebski, Secretary Heather Peterson, Public Relations Ron Anderson and Treasurer Justin Dagen. Others present at the meeting were District Manager Jamie Osowski, District Technician Jeremy Benson, District Technician Justin Muller, and Conservation Program Manager Jim Schwab and Soil Conservationist Michael Steinhauer. Special guests at this meeting included Sam Anderson and Andrew Muir.

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

The treasurer's report was then presented to the board. Justin Dagen motioned to approve the October 2018 treasurer's report, seconded by H. Peterson, and the report was passed unanimously. H. Peterson motioned to approve the November 2018 treasurer's report as presented, seconded by Dagen, and the report was passes unanimously.

New Business: Jamie reported that Heather Donahoe has accepted the position as District Outreach Specialist and will begin on January 12th, 2019.

Jim Schwab gave the NRCS Report. Jim reported that the Farm Bill has been approves, it is very vague on what will occur at this time. Jim and Michael sat in on a EQIP teleconference, he stated that there is a lot of interest in grazing with the EQIP program. Jim also reported that Carlson Prairie Seed will be Wholesale now.

Justin Muller gave his District Technician Report. Justin reported that he is working on a WCA application for ditch work. He also reported that the Hill Township project is wrapped up and it looks great. The payment voucher has been signed by Hill Township and Kelly Bengtson, the total of the project is \$38,492.86. Justin also reported on the new WOTUS rules coming up and a big push for the federal and state to take 404 from the Army Corp.

Jeremy Benson then gave his District Technician's report. Jeremy reported that he has been working on One Watershed One Plan and still working on the budget for the plan. There will be a steering team meeting to go over the final work plan and budgets and then the first policy meeting will be on January 24th. Then Jeremy reported on Buffers and stated that BWSR needed a plan on how we are going to track compliance for the county. We broke the county into 3 sections into what we feel the office will be able to handle with the office workload and placed the report on the website. Jeremy also presented the rain gauge totals to the board members. Jeremy also reported that the Clean Water Fund application that we submitted has not been ranked yet but will be at the next BWSR Board meeting. Jeremy also stated that we are about to order the tree planter but were wondering if we should put marker bars on the tree planter for \$2500. The board and staff then discussed that we should research lightbars for the tractor and then we can use the this for other implements. The decision has been tabled to the next meeting.

Jamie Osowski gave the District Manager report. Jamie passed out the finalized Local Capacity Workplan that was approved by BWSR. Jamie will be placing the match approval documentation on E-link. We received an official letter from Eric Christianson at the county for the approval. Joe and Peggy Wilebski, Lance and Katrina Hapka, Jeremy and Jamie attended the Annual Convention in Bloomington. Lance and Katrina Hapka were recognized as Outstanding Conservationist for Kittson County. Jamie also reported that staff and Heather and Joe attended the Area meeting on November 20th in Crookston and she gave an update on what was discussed. Jamie reported the next edition on the Northland Conservation News will be sent out in the next couple days and this edition will be paid for by the Two River Watershed. Also reported was that the office will be very busy with year-end reporting coming up.

The next board meeting will be the Organizational Meeting on January 9th, 2019 at

8 AM in the Kittson County Courthouse Meeting Room.



Heather Peterson, Secretary



Date