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Minutes of the Meeting of

Kittson Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors

Held on Wednesday February 14th, 2018 at 8:00 AM at Foxy Roxy's in Lancaster.

The Board of Supervisors of the Kittson Soil & Water Conservation District held its regular scheduled meeting on February 14th, 2018 at 8:00 AM at the Foxy Roxy's in Lancaster due to the watermain break East of town.

Members present at the meeting included: Chairman CJ Peterson, Vice Chairman, Joe Wilebski, Secretary, Heather Peterson. Treasurer Justin Dagen and Ron Anderson, Public Relations, were absent.

Others present at the meeting were District Technician Jeremy Benson, District Administrator Jamie Osowski, District Outreach Technician Maddy Rehn, and Soil Conservationist Michael Steinhauer. District Technician Justin Muller was absent.

Special guests included Dale Krystosek and Matt Johnson from the Minnesota Board of Soil and Water Resources.

Board Meeting: District Chairman C.J. Peterson called the February Board meeting to order. The minutes from the January 10th, 2018 Board meeting and the February 1st Strategic Planning meeting were both approved upon motion by Joe and seconded by Heather with a unanimous vote of supervisors to approve both sets of minutes.

Upon a motion by Heather, a second by Joe, and unanimous vote of the supervisors, the Treasurer's report was approved.

PRAP:

Dale was a guest at the meeting to outline the Performance Review and Assistance Program to the board and staff. PRAP is a program designed to assist SWCD's and Counties with meeting performance standards. Matt also explained PRAP in regards to WCA.

Michael Steinhauer gave the NRCS Report:

February is Black History Month

CSP/EQIP: Accepting CSP until March 2nd, EQIP has 8 applications one of which has 2 side water inlets.

CRP: No update on CRP

Area 1: Michael reported that Jim is still helping in Macintosh about 3 days a week, is supposed to be done shortly but may stay on to help out.

New Business: New business was brought up, this meeting being equipment bids and flex funds. Jamie reported that BWSR Matt was fine with our spending plan, we just need to approve anything over \$10,000 with him. Recapped the projects to be done with flex money, ran through the equipment bids we gathered. Still waiting on a few tractor and trailer bids.

Concerns over starting a field windbreak program and the well sealing program were expressed and a meeting with BWSR and DNR is likely to be set up.

A motion was made by Joe to purchase the side by side, seconded by Heather, and unanimously passed.

Maddy Rehn gave the District Outreach Technician Report:

Maddy gave status reports on the poster contest currently running, Envirothon planning, Moose Point sign quotes as well as bid updates (there are 3), and County Entrance signs (waiting on DOT permissions). Maddy also mentioned she had been working on updating the CRP vendor list and had also made two project application forms, one for public entities, one for private. The board gave permission to the office to purchase display materials at their discretion as well as the signs for Moose Point.

Justin Muller was absent, Jamie gave the District Technician Report

WCA: Year end reporting has been finished. Justin is meeting with Matt Johnson to discuss current WCA projects: Kittson Highway Dept. culvert replacement, BNSF bridge replacement, and Wetland banking project, and PRAP.

Feedlot: Finished year end reporting. Finished TEMPO data entry.

Buffer: Still waiting on Draft MOU back from John Kold and Rinke-Noonan.

Other: In early stages of working with Kelly Bengston on US Corps of Engineer program money for the Neil Johnson bridge and Klondike bridge.

Received quote on Truax 7.5' On the Go drill.

Jeremy Benson gave the District Technician Report

Buffers: Letters have been sent out to landowners.

State Cost Share: Still a 45 day hold on Weberg's project but DNR has approved it. Gillie's project has not been looked at yet by the state engineer. Should be by the end of February.

A possible tree incentive program is was also discussed with the possibility of 75% cost share on field windbreaks.

MAWQCP: Jeremy reported that Kris Folland assessment is finished on this end and just needs to be looked over by Glen.

Other: Jeremy and Maddy attended the Riverwatch Forum in Grand Forks last week.

A possible Cover Crop Test plot for conservation practices demonstrations was discussed as well. There is a possibility of renting land from the elevator.

Jamie Osowski gave the District Manger report:

E-Link: Reporting has been finished.

Year-end reporting for MCIT, AgBMP, Shoreland, and Financials have all been finished as well.

Area 1: The Area 1 meeting is scheduled for March 20th in Crookston. Will mainly consist of reports.

NACD: Jamie asked the board if they wanted to continue donating to NACD. They do at the same rate as last year. Heather motioned, Joe seconded, passed unanimously.

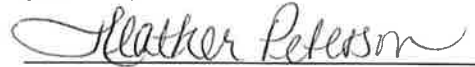
Health Insurance: It was asked if the board would contribute the set amount to any health insurance plan within the larger small business plan. They said they would. Maddy's HSA was also discussed because she did not take health insurance at this time.

Other: It was brought up that Maddy, and also Jeremy, need more office storage space. Board approved the cost of the extra cabinets. Joe motioned, Heather seconded, passed unanimously.

Board also approved leave for the office shutdown due to the water main break on February 13th.

March Board Meeting: The March Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday March 14th, 2018 at 8:00 AM in the Kittson County Courthouse meeting room.

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



Heather Peterson, Secretary