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**Minutes of the Meeting of**

**Kittson Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors**

**Held on Tuesday February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 9:00 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 Tuesday February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 9:00 AM at the Kittson County Board of Commissioners room. Members present at the meeting included: Chairman CJ Peterson, Vice Chairman Joe Wilebski, Secretary Heather Peterson, Public Relations Sam Anderson and Treasurer Andrew Muir.

Others present at the meeting were, District Technician Justin Muller, District Outreach Specialist Heather Donoho, Jim Schwab, and Michael Steinhauer. Absent was District Manager Jamie Osowski Jeremy Benson, District Technician.

The minutes from the January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020 board meeting were approved upon motion by Wilebski and seconded by Anderson and unanimous vote of supervisors.

**New Business:**

Justin discussed, the date of the Strategic planning meeting and Regular Board Meeting set for Tuesday March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020, should be changed due to scheduling conflicts. The new meeting date is Wednesday March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020. after a motion by Muir, Second by Wilebski, and unanimous vote.

Photo Contest: Heather Donoho discussed putting together a photo contest through Facebook. Motion was made by Anderson and seconded by Muir and unanimous vote of supervisors to approve the Facebook Photo Contest.

Brillion Seeder Bid: Justin presented a Brillion bid advertisement. Motion was made by Muir and seconded by H. Peterson and unanimous vote of supervisors to approved putting the Brillion Seeder up on sealed bid from March 1st to April 1st and advertising two weeks in the North Star News and the Enterprise newspaper along with being put on the districts Facebook page and running a Radio ad.

Service Contracts: Justin presented the updated service contracts for Truax Rental, Seeding, Spraying, Survey, and Mowing. Motion was made by Wilebski and Seconded my Muir and unanimous vote of supervisors to approve the service contracts as presented.

Cover Crop Policy: Justin gave an update on the Cover Crop policy and BWSR is requesting the Kittson SWCD approve the Non- Structural Land Management Practices plan request. Motion was made by H. Peterson and seconded by Muir and unanimous vote of supervisors to approve the Nonstructural Land Management Practices plan. The district also approved revisions including, 1-year contracts length and no more than 5 one-year contracts per landowners, also multi species plantings must include 1 grass and 1 broadleaf. Motion was made by H. Peterson and seconded by Wilebski and unanimous vote of supervisors to approve the update Cover Crop Policy and Contract.

#### **Staff Reports:**

Jim and Mike gave an update on the CRP, they reported that there are three contracts starting 3/1/2020. They have received 52 General CRP offers and 60 continuous offers. They have received 5 CSP applications and 10 EQIP applications 5 of them are grazing systems. Jim also reported that February is Black History Month.

Heather gave an update on outreach events. She reported that Ag Exploration day is scheduled for March 14<sup>th</sup>. The SWCD open house is Febuary 26<sup>th</sup> from 11-1 in the upstairs meeting room of the court house. MASWCD day at the capital is March 24<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>. Women Caring for the Land Event is August 4<sup>th</sup> in Thief River Falls, MN. She reported about the school based outreach she has been doing. The Poster contest ends April 6<sup>th</sup>.

Justin gave his report, he has been working on year end reports for WCA, Feedlot, SSTS and CAI. Justin updated the board on the progress of renting more meeting space from the county. He reported that he attended a TSA managers' meeting and a SWCD managers meeting in both meetings there was discussion on 1w1p fund the plan monies. Justin reported that the 1w1p plan writing process is taking longer than expected and there is a desire from district staff to explore hiring a consultant. A motion was made by Muir and seconded by Anderson and unanimous vote of supervisors to support 1w1p policy committee members if they chose to explore the option of hiring a consultant.

Jamie Osowski was absent Justin gave her report. She will return March 4<sup>th</sup>, she received an extension for E-Link reporting. She reported that there is no longer an annual financial report instead an annual audit is required. A motion was made by H. Peterson and seconded by Wilebski

and unanimous vote of supervisors to approve Peterson Companies to complete an annual audit for \$2,800.00.

**The next board meeting will be on Wednesday March 18th, 2020 at**

**8 AM in the Kittson County commissioners Meeting Room.**



Chair

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Heather Peterson, Secretary

Date