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**Minutes of the Meeting of**

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

**Held on Wednesday January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020 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 January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 8:00 AM at the Kittson County Courthouse meeting room. Members present at the meeting included: CJ Peterson, Joe Wilebski, Heather Peterson, Sam Anderson and Andrew Muir.

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

Organizational Meeting: District Technician Justin Muller called the organizational meeting to order and opened the floor to a nomination for Chairman. Motion was made by Wilebski to nominate CJ Peterson for Chairman, with second by H. Peterson and unanimous vote of supervisors. The meeting was then turned over to Chairman CJ Peterson.

Vice Chairman: Motion was made by H. Peterson for Vice Chairman nomination of Joe Wilebski with second by Anderson and unanimous vote of supervisors.

Treasurer: Motion was made by H. Peterson for Treasurer nomination of Andrew Muir with second by Wilebski and unanimous vote of supervisors.

Secretary: Motion was made by Wilebski for Secretary nomination of Heather Peterson with second by Muir and unanimous vote of supervisors.

Public Relations: Motion was made by Wilebski for Public Relations nomination of Sam Anderson with second by Muir and unanimous vote of supervisors.

### **New Business:**

The minutes from the December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019 board meeting were approved upon motion by Wilebski and seconded by Muir and unanimous vote of supervisors.

Justin presented that IRS mileage is now at 57.5 cents. IRS mileage was approved after a motion by Wilebski, seconded by Muir, and unanimous vote of supervisors.

The Official Bank for the SWCD was approved as American Federal Bank after a motion by H. Peterson, second by Muir, and unanimous vote.

Per Diem for supervisor's rates of \$75 per supervisors were set after a motion by Wilebski, second by Muir, and unanimous vote.

Justin discussed upcoming meeting dates with the board, the date of the Strategic planning meeting and Regular Board Meeting set for Wednesday March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020, after a motion by Muir, Second by Anderson, and unanimous vote.

MASWCD Dues: Justin presented to the board the dues for MASWCD, MACDE, and Area 1 MASWCD. Motion was made by Wilebski and Seconded by H. Peterson and unanimous vote of supervisors to approve the dues.

State Cost Share: Jeremy presented a State Cost Share contract for Brent Toomey/Bronson City Welling in the amount of \$900.00. Motion made was by Wilebski, second by Anderson and unanimous vote to approve the Toomey Well Sealing contract.

Ag BMP: Justin presented an AG BMP application for CJ Peterson in the amount of \$39,121.76. He is looking at purchasing a 3500 Kwik Till Speed Disk. Motion was by Wilebski, second by H Peterson and unanimous vote to approve the Peterson application.

### **Staff Reports:**

Jim gave an update on programs; there is no timetable for a CSP signup at this time. EQIP Roy Frame signup a CNMP. Jim gave an update on CRP in Kittson County, Discussed soil rental rates and 5% reduction of the rates for the general sign up.

Heather gave her report, she reported on Story time the schedule has been set for the year. Ag Exploration Day has been set for March 14<sup>th</sup>. This event is conjunction with the 4-H. Legislation Days are March 24<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>. She also reported she is helping plan an event with Jillian the Farm Bill Technician from the Pennington SWCD.

Justin gave his report, he stated that he is working on WCA concerns in the county and had a report on Wagon Wheel Ridge.

Jeremy gave his report to the board on buffers, there are 120 parcels on the districts tracking system that are in the "needs review status and are not fully compliant. Jeremy then reported on the 1W1P process, there will be a TAC/CAC meeting Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup> 9-noon at the Kittson courthouse meeting room. He also stated there is the RRWMB meeting in Moorhead, MN March 10-11<sup>th</sup>. He reported that there was no word on the Clean Water Application yet.

**The next board meeting will be on February 12th, 2019 at**

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

*Heather Peterson*

*2/18/2020*

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Heather Peterson, Secretary

Date

