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**Minutes of the Meeting of**

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

**Held on Wednesday January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 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 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 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, Sam Anderson and Andrew Muir.

Others present at the meeting were District Manager Jamie Osowski, District Technician Justin Muller. Missing were Jim Schwab, Michael Steinhauer and Jeremy Benson.

Organizational Meeting: District Manager Jamie Osowski called the organizational meeting to order and opened the floor to a nomination for Chairman. Motion was made by H. Peterson to nominate CJ Peterson for Chairman, with second by Wilebski and unanimous vote of supervisors. The meeting was then turned over to Chairman 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 H. Peterson for Public Relations nomination of Sam Anderson with second by Wilebski and unanimous vote of supervisors.

The minutes from the December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018 board meeting were approved upon motion by Wilebski and seconded by H. Peterson and unanimous vote of supervisors.

The treasurer's report was then presented to the board. H. Peterson made a motion to approve treasurer's report as presented and seconded by Wilebski and unanimous vote of supervisor

Jamie presented that IRS mileage is now at 58 cents. IRS mileage was approved after a motion by Wilebski, seconded by H. Peterson, 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 Wilebski, and unanimous vote.

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

Jamie discussed upcoming meeting dates with the board, the date of the Strategic planning meeting is set for Wednesday February 13<sup>th</sup> and the Kittson SWCD Open House is set for March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

MASWCD Dues: Jamie presented to the board the dues for MASWCD, MACDE, and Area 1 MASWCD. Motion was made by Muir and Seconded by Anderson and unanimous vote of supervisors to approve the dues.

Jamie presented an Ag BMP loan application from Joel Lindegard for a 2017 Salford 4141i disk for \$95,000. Motion was made by H. Peterson and seconded by Wilebski and unanimous vote of supervisors.

Jamie asked the board for their thoughts on staff representing the MACDE and NACDE board. The board stated that until we get new staff on board and trained, they would prefer if we didn't have staff represent this board.

Staff asked the brought up the board meeting times and the board would like to see all meetings start at 8 AM.

Motion was made by Wilebski to grant CJ Peterson 2 extra meeting per diems for all the work he did on the equipment purchases for the SWCD H. Peterson seconded the motion with unanimous vote of supervisors.

Cover Crop Policy: Justin gave a report on revisions to the Cover Crop Policy. He will make the changes and present them to the board at the February board meeting.

Justin Muller gave his District Technician Report, with WCA he was working on some potential WCA violations. Justin also spoke with Donny at Kittson Auto about an Outback Lightbar, he was quoted \$995 and \$200 for extended service and \$30-\$40 for shipping. Motion was made by Muir and seconded by H. Peterson and unanimous vote of supervisors.

Jim and Michael were attending an area meeting in Detroit Lakes, Jamie gave their report. EQIP Signup deadline is January 19<sup>th</sup> and they currently have 7 applications. NRCS has funding for another 2 weeks, discussions will be had soon. FSA has been shut down for 2.5 weeks. Michael is working on grazing plans and Jim is putting CRP plans into Toolkit, there are no updates on CRP currently. Jim also stated that there is nothing new on the NRCS Staffing plan for Minnesota. He also stated that there is a new Area Engineer, Cassie Amed.

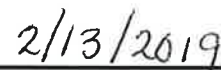
Jeremy Benson was absent from the meeting and Jamie gave his report. Jeremy sent the updated compliance layer to BWSR and there are 9 parcels that are currently not compliant. These are landowners that have not been in contact with our office. One Watershed One Plan (1W1P) final budget, bylaws and work plan were handed out to the board. The next policy meeting is scheduled for Thursday January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019 in Greenbush. Jeremy sent an email to Trees R Us for the tree planter without the marker bars and the invoice will be available with specific down payment and shipping terms. Jeremy attended the Conservation Tillage Conference in Fargo, there were a lot of interesting topics and would like to encourage board members to attend. Jeremy reported that the Clean Water Fund application that was submitted for the Field Windbreak and Cover Crop incentive program did not score high enough during the last round of applications. Jeremy is waiting to hear back from BWSR on how we can improve our application for next year.

**The next board meeting will be on Wednesday February 13th, 2019 at  
8 AM in the Kittson County Board of Commissioners Meeting Room.**



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Heather Peterson, Secretary



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