

**Minutes of the Meeting of  
Kittson Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors  
Held on July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

The Board of Supervisors of the Kittson Soil & Water Conservation District held its regular scheduled meeting on Thursday, July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009, at the Kittson County Farm Service Agency meeting room located in Hallock, Minnesota.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Klein.

Members present at the meeting included Chairman, Scott Klein; Vice Chairman, Greg Peterson; Secretary, Justin Dagen; and Treasurer, Joe Wilebski. Absent: Public Relations, Ron Anderson.

Others present at the meeting were District Manager, Holly Anderson; Program Coordinator, Shane Olson; Technician, Mark Larson; Beth Kurz, UND EERC; Al Gustafson, NRCS Resource Conservationist and Chad Severts, BWSR Board Conservationist.

The minutes of the June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009, meeting was approved, upon a motion by Dagen, seconded by Wilebski, and unanimous vote of the supervisors.

Upon a motion by Peterson, seconded by Wilebski and unanimous vote the treasurer's report was approved as presented by Anderson. Upon a motion by Peterson, seconded by Wilebski, and unanimous vote, for check #2411 through #2444 for the amount of \$ 14,092.29 for the month of June was approved as presented by Anderson.

Anderson reported that the 2006 and 2007 accounts receivable were both paid after July 1<sup>st</sup>, however they still need to be listed. The 2006 accounts receivable for \$43.73 and 2007 accounts receivable for a total of \$60.46.

Holly Anderson gave the District Manager's report as follows:

District activities: Anderson said a staff meeting was held on June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Fairbooth: The Kittson County Fair starts this weekend and the booth will be set up following the meeting.

Water Plan Update: Anderson is still working on it.

Beaver bounty: Anderson had a request that the beaver bounty be increased to \$40 per tail like the County and the Watershed District. Upon a motion by Peterson, seconded by Dagen, and unanimous vote, to increase the beaver bounty to \$40 per tail.

Water festival: Anderson attended a planning meeting for the annual water festival. The festival will be held in Warren on September 22<sup>nd</sup> and in Fertile on September 23<sup>rd</sup>. She will be a presenter at the Wetlands station.

Area I Meeting: Klein, Peterson, Olson and Anderson attended the Area I meeting on June 16<sup>th</sup> in Ada. NRCS did a short presentation on the ring dike program through EQIP. These ring dikes will not take the property out of the floodplain. The following resolutions passed: Reduce the Perpetual Easement of RIM to 30 Years, Clarification of Election Laws, and Increase Wetland Conservation Act Funding for Counties Outside of the 11 County Metropolitan Area. Kittson SWCD will host the November 19<sup>th</sup> meeting in Ada.

Zoning: Elevation surveys for Noel Peterson and Neil Johnson turned out relatively well. The location where Johnson wants to build on is actually up high enough to build on right now. Peterson will have to add fill of 1.8 feet from the current elevation of the property in question for his new building.

Lidar: Anderson will be attending a Lidar meeting at the Hallock City Hall on July 30<sup>th</sup>.

MACPZA: Anderson attended the Minnesota Association of County Planning and Zoning Administrators' conference in St. Cloud on June 11-12<sup>th</sup>. She learned that the DNR will have new shoreland rules in place in 2010 and that she will then need to update the ordinance again. The shoreland ordinance was last updated in 2003. She also learned that the 2010 septic money will be delayed until about January because some of the money is coming from Clean Water Legacy funding. Our new septic ordinance may not be due on February 4, 2010, as MPCA is still working on some kinks in the language.

Wind Energy: Anderson received a letter from Jeff Hane on July 6<sup>th</sup>, saying he was ready to start looking at the information she put together for a wind energy ordinance. He also sent a draft of a zoning violation complaint form.

Administrators' Meeting: At the July 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting, Marilyn Gustafson suggested that none of the departments ask for an increase in their proposed budgets. Anderson is quite sure that we will see cuts from the County in 2010. Gustafson asks that budgets be in to her by July 31<sup>st</sup>. Upon a motion by Peterson, seconded by Dagen, and unanimous vote, to maintain the current budget amounts set for 2009 and ask for no increase in 2010.

State Funding: Fortunately, our funding from the State turned out much better than Anderson had anticipated with the rumored unallotment. For 2010, state cost share will decrease \$6,792; the District appropriation will decrease \$725; RIM will decrease \$10; SSTS will decrease \$69; LWMP, will increase \$805; and Feedlot, Shoreland and WCA will remain the same.

Available Funds: The balances listed below are as of June 30<sup>th</sup>, unless otherwise noted: District, County, \$0; LWMP, \$10,000 County, \$3,517.32 SWCD; CLWP Dedicated Fund \$44,160; WCA, \$5,000 County, \$4,993.04 SWCD; Shoreland, \$0 County, \$1,024.71 SWCD; Feedlot, \$522 County, \$5,779.79 SWCD; SSTS, \$10,000 County, \$1,679.88 SWCD; and Zoning, \$0 County, \$3,394.03 SWCD and Beaver \$3,780.00.

Mark Larson gave the NRCS report as follows:

Grazing: Larson will attend an NRCS grazing tour on July 15<sup>th</sup> in Red Lake Falls.

EQIP: Larson said there will be 4 ring dikes built through EQIP.

Wetland Plant ID: A Wetland Plant Identification training will be held through NRCS on August 6<sup>th</sup>. Olson will attend as well.

Beth Kurz gave the Waffle Plan report as follows:

Waffle Plan: UND EERC's Beth Kurz gave a presentation about the Waffle Plan to store water throughout the Red River Valley.

Shane Olson gave the Program Coordinator's report as follows:

AgBMP: The current application order is as follows: EL-09, BL-09 and KG-09. SA-10 put in an application for equipment in 2010, since he will not be eligible until then.

Feedlot: Olson attended a Feedlot meeting on June 18<sup>th</sup> in Detroit Lakes. He will attend another MACFO meeting on July 27<sup>th</sup>.

CAI: One individual had to retest for Commercial Applicator license. He has put in a request for Leafy Spurge beetles for Mark Nelson and Mike Ratzlaff. A complaint came in for some Leafy Spruge in Hallock Township and Olson contacted Bobby Lindegard, who sprayed it.

WCA KCHD: Kelly Bengtson needs to re-submit an updated request for BWSR Road Mitigation for the CSAH 38 road project.

WCA CDO's: Olson was out with new Conservation Officer, Ben Huener to look at wetland violations reported by Donavan Pietruszewski during aerial flights last November. One violation was Gary Johnson's property in McKinley and another violation on a Cannon Township road North of Mike Goldstrand's. Huener will be mailing them forms shortly.

WCA Training: Olson will attend a WCA training in Thief River Falls on July 15<sup>th</sup>.

TSA surveys: Jim Hest plans on surveying July 16<sup>th</sup> at Greenwood Cemetery. We also have to look at a streambank erosion site in Thompson Township.

State Cost share: Upon a motion by Dagen, seconded by Peterson, to encumber CLWP cost share for FY09-01 for \$250 and for CLWP for \$125 for a well sealing; to encumber FY09-02 for \$675 and for CLWP for \$337.50 for a well sealing; and to encumber FY09-03 for \$162.50 and for CLWP for \$81.25.

Al Gustafson gave the NRCS Area Conservationist's report as follows:

Plant Materials Tour: Al Gustafson and Olson will look at Plant Material tour sites, which will be held on August 4<sup>th</sup>. Olson wants to look at Larry Wilebski's Evergreen Acres as a possible tour spot. Several of Mike Ratzlaff's grass seed plantings, Leafy spurge beetle sites and the Springbrook RIM project and the Springbrook winding channel project for stops along our tour.

Chad Severts gave the BWSR Board Conservationist report as follows:

Springbrook project sign-up: Severts said Olson submitted 27 applications for the RIM / Springbrook project by the June 1<sup>st</sup> deadline. Olson said there were only two parcels that did not sign up. Severts said BWSR would further like to reduce it to 19 applications. Olson said courthouse searches are currently being reviewed by Kristie Hultgren as required by BWSR.

Greenwood Cemetery: Severts mentioned the Greenwood Cemetery grant needs to be extended to June 30, 2010. Upon a motion by Dagen, seconded by Peterson, to amend the grant agreement for the Local Water Resources Protection and Management Program, also known as the Greenwood Cemetery grant until June 30, 2010.

August Board meeting: The next Board meeting is scheduled for August 13<sup>th</sup> at 7 AM.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Klein.

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Justin Dagen, Secretary