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Minutes of the Meeting of

Kittson Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors

Held on July 16th, 2012 @ 7:30 AM

The Board of Supervisors of the Kittson Soil & Water Conservation District held its regular scheduled meeting on Monday July 16th, 2012, at Klein Farms.

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

Others present at the meeting were District Manager, Darren Carlson; District Coordinator Jamie Ingeman; Program Analyst, James Schwab; and District Technician, Brian Krippner.

The minutes of the June 18th, 2012 meeting were approved, upon a motion by Wilebski, seconded by Anderson and unanimous vote of the supervisors.

Upon a motion by Anderson, seconded by Wilebski the bills were approved for payment as presented in the amount of \$43,300.53 Check numbers 3454-3495.

Accounts receivable: Accounts receivable has outstanding balance of \$9,989.36.

Jamie Ingeman gave the District Coordinator report as follows:

MASWCD Outstanding Conservationist of 2012- Discussed nominating Mike and Tara Ratzloff for the award. We would pay for their motel, gas, and mileage to and from the convention. Deadline for nomination is August 22, 2012. Motion by Wilebski and seconded by Anderson to submit nomination for Ratzloff's.

Kittson County Fair- Had a booth at the Kittson County Fair July 12-15th had Brillion Drill and Plotmaster on display.

Direct Deposit for Payroll: Reviewed minutes from April 16th meeting where the use of direct deposit was approved. Topic will be discussed further at next meeting when more board members are present.

Newsletter to Stephen Messenger: Submitted articles to Stephen Messenger for Summer Newsletter. Office staff will mail out newsletters the first week in August.

Jim Schwab gave the NRCS Report as follows.

CSP: Six contracts have been accepted since last meeting.

CRP: SWCD and NRCS performing field checks for CRP, Darren is writing plans and Jamie is working on putting folders together and calling growers to come sign conservation plans when ready. Brooke from LOW NRCS has been helping with the plan writing.

Other: Discussion of Army Corps of Engineers will require a complete review and permit on all tile installed greater than 2000 feet, tiling of farmed wetlands greater than 2 acres and drainage of wetlands greater than 10,000 feet. Board discussed option of submitting article to local newspaper and creating a petition against the Corps involvement in tiling. Motion by Anderson, Seconded by Wilebski.

Month: All Cultural Appreciation Month

Darren Carlson gave the District Manager's report as follows:

Natural Resoruces Block Grant (NRBG): FY 2012 Funds with county for SWCD programs; County Water plan: \$10,270; Feedlot: \$5,000; SSTS: \$13,941; DNR Shoreland: \$1,147; and WCA: \$11,447.

Kittson SWCD Brillion Drill Rental: 26 contracts have been signed for the use of Brillion. 694 total acres have been seeded, Average of 27 acres per contract. Brillion has made district \$8,455.

State Cost Share Program:

- FY 12-02 Brandon Clark Well Decommission, \$262.50; \$131.25 from SCS and \$87.50 from CLWP. Motion by Wilebski, Seconded by Anderson.

RIM Status Reviews: 5 RIM status reviews need to be conducted by September 1.

Red River Set Aside Status Reviews: 4 Status reviews will be conducted at the same time as the RIM status reviews.

CCRP Contribution Work Agreement (CWA)

- CCRP status reviews and conservation plans have been conducted and written. Some plans have been mailed out for producer's signatures and others have been given to FSA as they need signatures and they will have producers sign when they stop in.
- 75 CCRP plans need to be written and an invoice needed to be submitted to MASWCD by August 3rd to receive SWCD funds of \$36,000. (\$480 per plan)
- 55 plans have been done as of July 13th; close to 10 will be done by the week of July 23rd once FSA has official measurements for the PL 566 projects grass filter strips.
- No word on General CRP CWA, SWCD will continue to assist the NRCS/FSA with these plans. SWCD has written over 100 conservation plans for General CRP and numerous status reviews have been completed.

Biennial Budget Request (BBR):

Needs to be completed for FY 2014 to 2015 by the July 29th, 2012 deadline. Request asked for double what the SWCD received for the NRBG funding from \$60,000 a year to \$120,000 per year and Conservation Delivery (Vehicle Expense, salaries and rent) from \$20,000 to \$40,000. Asked for \$350,000 for the Lake Bronson Watershed Runoff Reduction Project, \$150,000 for Red River of the North Watershed Runoff Reduction Project (Hill, St. Vincent and Hampden Townships) and other items.

2013 County Budget:

Meeting with Commissioners on August 7th for budget, discussed budget spreadsheets presenting to the commissioners.

FY 2013 Clean Water Funds:

Grants can be written and submitted during the month of August; proposed grants are:

- Lake Bronson Watershed Runoff Reductions-Phase III
- Red River of the North Runoff Reduction- Phase II
- Inventory of Abandoned Wells
- Inventory for SSTS

FY 2011 Clean Water Funds- Lake Bronson Project:

- Wayne and Betty Cummins: 4.9 Acres CWF= \$6,435.00
- Gary Carlson: 9.1 acres CWF= \$ 9,713.00
- Motion by Wilebski; Seconded by Anderson.

PL 566/ Spring Brook project:

Revised Acres for:

- Greg Bogestad 35-09-09-08- 57.9 acres to 34.4 acres
- Greg Bogestad 35-02-09-08- 43.2 acres to 29.3 acres
- Justin Dagen 35-03-09-08- 13.0 acres to 24.4 acres
- Justin Dagen 35-04-09-08- 17.4 acres to 14.0 acres
- Lyn Augustin- 35-25-09-08 (New Signup) 4.1 acres

Signed revised acres, next board meeting for approval.

Other:

July 30th, Old Area 1 Meeting in TRF

District Technician's Report (Brian Krippner)

WCA

- Wildlife ponds have no permits at this time.
- Attended Wetland Banking training in TRF , training on current banking and new Ag Banking program.
- Flood Damage Reduction Work Group Contribution Work Agreement for Two Rivers Watershed District Training (Ross Impoundment). On table with TRWD, may receive 40-60 hours for this.

CAI

Noxious weed inspections- discussed information he is sending to each landowner who has noxious weeds on land.

Toadflax update:

- Organizing meeting with TNC, DNR, County, MN Dot, and Landowners to discuss the spread of Dalmation Toadflax in county.
- Conducted a radio interview on 890 AM Farm Talk

District:

- Fixed old tree planter trailer; re-decked, fixed winch, rewired lights and replaced tires. Need to get trailer licensed.
- Discussed old tree planter that is still at Justin Dagen's. Talked about scraping it since it is very dangerous to use, Ron Anderson is going to stop and take a look at it.

August Board Meeting

- Next board meeting will be held Monday August 20, 2012 at the Kittson SWCD Office.

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

Justin Dagen, Secretary


