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Minutes of the Meeting of

Kittson Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors

Held on Wednesday July 10th, 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 July 10th, 2019 at 8:00 AM at the Kittson meeting room. Members present at the meeting included: Chairman CJ Peterson, Vice Chairman Joe Wilebski, Secretary Heather Peterson, Treasurer Andrew and Public Relations Sam Anderson.

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

The minutes from the June 12th, 2019 board meeting were approved upon motion by H. Peterson and seconded by Wilebski and unanimous vote of supervisors.

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

New Business:

MDHA Seeding: Kelly Turgeon, president of the Minnesota Deer Hunters Association inquired with the Kittson SWCD on the potential of a partnership of seeding food plots for the MDHA. The total acres would be 13 acres in Skull Lake. Discussion was had on doing a site check to make sure the site prep was satisfactory for our tractor and drill. Motion was made by H. Peterson to partner with the MDHA upon site check and satisfaction of site prep, second was made by Muir and unanimous vote of supervisors.

Staff Reports:

Jim gave an update on programs; he has written 8 contracts so far, he stated it is a wait and see on more contracts. Jim reported that there are 5 EQIP contracts funded for no-till and cover crops, he also reported that there were 2 applications for CSP, 1 landowner backed out as nothing fit his operation. Jim reported on Michael being at the Roseau office 3 days a week and there is hiring happening throughout the state. July is Cultural Awareness month.

Heather gave her report, she stated the summer program is going well, she has ordered a new fair board through Red Canoe designs and is working on presentations during the fair. Heather reported that she will be attending the NRCS Soil Health Bus Tour at the end of July. Heather reminded the board that the Conservation Tour is Wednesday July 31st.

Justin gave his report, he reported that he had a site visit with St. Joseph township, and he has a potential violation at Wagon Wheel Ridge. Justin reported that there are 8 signed Cover Crop contracts. He then reported that he is working with Jim Mumey on a Streambank Stabilization project in Thompson 19. He reported that the Kittson County Highway Department is putting up the new "Entering Kittson Soil and Water Conservation District" signs.

Jeremy gave his report to the board, he reported that with Buffers we are receiving response back from those landowners we have contacted for compliance. He stated that we are waiting for some contracts to come back for Buffer Cost Share. Jeremy also reported that we have been seeding those contracts we have with landowners and our seeding service. Jeremy then reported on One Watershed One Plan, he stated that the 1W1P Kickoff public meetings will be held July 17th in Greenbush and July 18th in Kennedy and Lancaster. Agendas are being put together and legal notices are in the papers. The Tubex tree tubes are ordered and we will be picking them up at our next Area 1 meeting in November from Traverse SWCD.

Jamie Osowski gave her update to the board, she reported that in the months of May-July, both Heather and Jamie drove their personal vehicles to meetings to allow both pickups to be available for our services to the county. Jamie then reported that we are limited on our Ag BMP loan funding, we currently have 2 applications totaling \$400,000 that we only have \$38,550 available in our allocation. Upon motion by H. Peterson, the 2 Ag BMP Applications for Roy and Arnold Frame were approved and offer them the opportunity to use the \$38,550 first. The board also wants to start an interest log with those applications that come in. The motion was Seconded by Muir and unanimous vote of supervisors. The funds in the county's allocation will increase when repayments are made, and the MDA will be working on more funding with the legislation since the interest in Ag BMP loans have gone up. Jamie reported that she finished her Public Administrator training and stated that she learned a lot from fellow cohorts in the training. Jamie then reported that Soil Warrior strip till machines were at the Justin Osowski Farm and will be bringing up a demonstration machine for landowners to see in Kittson County. Osowski was interested in the Kittson SWCD possibly running their tractor with the machine as it is a small implement and they don't have a smaller tractor. The board thought that it would be a Soil Health demonstration and upon motion by Anderson and seconded by Muir and unanimous vote of supervisors, the Kittson

SWCD will participate in this demonstration at Osowski Farms when the implement arrives, and the wheat crop comes off.

**The next board meeting will be on Wednesday August 14th, 2019 at
8 AM in the Kittson County downstairs Meeting Room.**

Heather Peterson

8/14/2019

Heather Peterson, Secretary

Date