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Minutes of the Meeting of

Kittson Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors

Held on Wednesday July 14th, 2021 at 8:00 AM at the Kittson County Courthouse.

The Board of Supervisors of the Kittson Soil and Water Conservation District held its regular scheduled meeting on Wednesday July 14th, 2021 at 8:00 AM at the Kittson County Courthouse. Members present included: Chairman CJ Peterson, Vice Chairman Andrew Muir, Secretary Carey Mortenson, Public Relations Sam Anderson and absent was Treasurer Joe Wilebski.

Others present were District Technician Justin Muller, District Technician Jeremy Benson, District Manager Jamie Osowski, and District Conservationist Jim Schwab

The minutes from the June 9th, 2021 board meeting were approved upon motion by Muir and seconded by Mortenson and unanimous vote of supervisors.

The treasurers report from June 2021 were presented to the board by District Manager Osowski. Upon discussion on the June 2021 financials, motion was made by Anderson and seconded by Muir and unanimous vote of supervisors.

NRCS Report: Jim had a field visit and had to leave the meeting early so he gave his presentation first. Jim reported that he will be busy with CRP as he works to get all 168 expiring CRP checks done before he retires. Jim reported that the RC&D employees will be coming up to conduct site checks, just not sure exactly when. He reported that he had 1 EQIP contract approved for Younggren Farms for 2 drop pipes. He also stated he anticipates a few more CRP CLEAR 30 contracts, so he will be working on them.

New Business:

Wagon Wheel Ridge WCA Application: Justin reported to the board that he held a TEP meeting with BWSR and the DNR on July 2nd and presented the findings from that meeting. The findings from the meeting show that the TEP recommends denying this application due to the inconsistency of the application and they stated that they want to do more impacts to the area. Discussion was had on the findings and on the next steps. Following more discussion, Motion was made by Muir and

seconded by Mortenson and unanimous vote of supervisors to deny the Wagon Wheel Ridge application and move on.

Soil Health Demo: Next Justin presented the Kittson SWCD Strip Till/Conservation Tillage demonstration contract to the board, he touched on a couple areas and discussion was had on section 7.4 of the contract on producer repayment. The board stated they would like to see this at 100% pay back instead on 150% since this is a demonstration plot. Motion was made by Muir and seconded by Anderson and unanimous vote of supervisors to approve the Kittson Soil and Water Conservation District Strip Till/Conservation Tillage Demonstration Contract with the changes discussed for section 7.4.

Hill Township: Justin reported that he has been in contact with Erik Younggren on a potential project in Hill Township Sections 32 & 33. Staff flew the project with the drone and showed a video and pictures from it. Staff asked the board if they would like to use Houston Engineering for this project similar to the Anderson Project in Thompson Township. Following discussion, Motion was made by Mortenson and seconded by Muir and unanimous vote of supervisors to handle this project the same way we are the Anderson project with Houston Engineering and provide 75% cost share on the engineering while 25 % will come from Hill Township. Justin stated that funding for this project could come from the 1W1P fund the plan and he will meet with the Hill Township Board to discuss this further.

Adoption of the Two Rivers Plus One Watershed One Plan and Entity Agreement: BWSR approved the plan for the Two River Plus, but it needs to be locally adopted by all participating LGU's. Motion was made by Muir and Seconded by Mortenson and unanimous vote of supervisors to approve the resolution to adopt the plan. Next discussion was had on the Entity agreement, Jeremy laid the agreement out for the board and following discussion, motion was made by Mortenson and seconded by Anderson to approve the Two Rivers Plus Joint Powers Agreement. Next Jeremy stated we need to appoint members for the JPE, following discussion, motion was made by Mortenson and seconded by Anderson to appoint Andrew Muir as the primary member of the JPE and motion was made by Mortenson and seconded by Muir and unanimous vote of supervisors to appoint Sam Anderson as alternate member for the JPE. The next JPE meeting will be Thursday July 22nd at 9 AM at the Kittson County Courthouse. Locations for these meetings will be between Greenbush, Lake Bronson and Hallock.

Staff Reports:

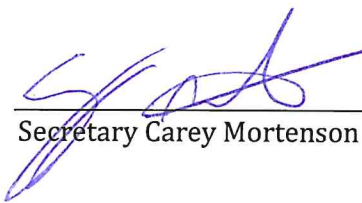
Heather is still on FMLA leave until August 3rd.

Justin gave his District Technician report, he stated that he attended a grazing training in Mahnomen. He gave an update on the last TSA board meeting that he attended with Joe, he stated that we will be receiving \$12,000 but we will also be paying in dues for the services. The TSA will be conducting a PRAP to evaluate what they can do to improve the services. Justin reported that he attended the SFA Workshop at Michael Larson's, the Walsh County Soil Health workshop, and he has been working on spraying CRP and doing project and cover crop site checks.

Jeremy gave the District Technician Report, he reported that they have not done any buffer seedings since it is so dry. He has been calling those on the list to keep them updated on where we are with the seedings and they are not in violation of the law since they are not planted due to mother nature. Jeremy stated that he has received no contract from Dan Hunter on his Notice of Noncompliance. Jeremy also stated that he attended the last TRWD board meeting along with Matt Fischer from BWSR to ask some more questions on withdrawing. Jeremy stated that he ran the rainfall simulator at the SFA Workshop and Michael Larson's and it went well.

Jamie gave her report, she reported she is prepping for the upcoming financial audit. Next, she stated that following the Kittson County Fair we are running low on promotional items. She showed the board some ideas and mentioned that she will get some samples from a couple different companies. Next Jamie reported that she was summoned to jury duty on July 7th and presented her work release. Finally, Jamie reported that County Administrator Dillon Hayes has resigned from his position in Kittson County, his last day will be August 13th. She updated the board on upcoming meetings.

The next board meeting will be held on Wednesday August 11th, 2021 at 8 AM at the Kittson County Courthouse.


Secretary Carey Mortenson

8-11-21

Date