

**Minutes of the Meeting of
Kittson Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors
Held on June 10th, 2009**

The Board of Supervisors of the Kittson Soil & Water Conservation District held its regular scheduled meeting on Thursday, June 10th, 2009, at the Kittson County Soil & Water Conservation District office 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; Treasurer, Joe Wilebski; and Public Relations, Ron Anderson.

Others present at the meeting were District Manager, Holly Anderson; District Coordinator, Joanne Quiner; Program Analyst, James Schwab; Program Coordinator, Shane Olson; Technician, Mark Larson and Keely Olson.

The minutes of the May 14th, 2009, meeting was approved, upon a motion by Dagen, seconded by Anderson, and unanimous vote of the supervisors.

Upon a motion by Peterson, seconded by Anderson and unanimous vote the treasurer's report was approved as presented by Quiner. Upon a motion by Peterson, seconded by Anderson, and unanimous vote, for check #2391 through #2410 for the amount of \$18,057.15 for the month of May was approved as presented by Quiner.

Quiner reported the 2006 accounts receivable for \$43.73 and 2007 accounts receivable for a total of \$60.46.

Joanne Quiner gave the District Coordinator's report as follows:

Trees: Quiner mentioned that she had been out one day with Olson, making it 30 years that she has been planting trees.

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

District activities: Anderson said staff meetings were held on May 7th and 26th.

Water Plan Update: Anderson is working on it. She received a formal letter from the BWSR Board saying that all of the scoping concerns were approved by that Board and she has the green light to carry on with the process.

Legislative session: A lot went on this past Legislative session, and we don't know the ramifications it will have on our office, but cuts are a huge possibility. Anderson addressed some of her thoughts on budget cuts at the last meeting. When Anderson knows concrete numbers, she will let us know. A good thing that came out of the session is the easing of the native seed language. The new regulations state: "To the extent possible, any person conducting a restoration with money appropriated in this section must plant vegetation or sow seed only of ecotypes native to Minnesota, and preferably of the local ecotype, using a high diversity of species originating from as close to the restoration site as possible, and protect existing native prairies from genetic contamination". This means the definitions for distance and diversity of seed sources will not be limiting as they were in the past biennium. This will make programs like the Native Buffer Program more feasible in our area.

Area 1 Meeting: Olson and Anderson are registered for the meeting. Anderson reminded the Board if there are any resolutions that they want presented they need to do so at this meeting. Anderson presented two resolutions from the Marshall-Beltrami SWCD that they will be submitting for consideration at the Area Meeting.

Obwell: Anderson presented the annual contract with the DNR for the obwell that is monitored. Upon a motion by Peterson, seconded by Wilebski, to accept the 2009 DNR obwell agreement and was signed by Chairman Klein.

Waffle Plan: UND EERC's Beth Kurz will give a presentation about the Waffle Plan at the July meeting. Olson said BWSR's Chad Severts' would also like to attend that meeting.

Floodplain elevation surveys: Anderson has been working with the DNR's Garry Bennett for some building elevations in the floodplain. Noel Peterson and Neil Johnson both plan to build machine shops in state-funded ring dikes. Jim Hest will be here this week to do the survey work. Anderson will get the information to the landowners as soon as he has it completed.

St Vincent zoning: Anderson will be working with folks from the St. Vincent School, again, on an addition they plan to do on the school. Once again they will need to follow floodplain regulations.

Klegstad zoning: Scott Klegstad ran into a problem while planning to build a shop in Pelan Township. He was about to go through the variance process, because he wanted to build too close to the road, but then found out that the property is actually DOT right-of-way. Long-story-short, he purchased property from a neighbor, so he can build to code.

Handicap accessibility: Anderson attended a recent workshop, to complete 2.5 more credits of continuing education on May 18-20th and is recertified for Handicap Accessibility through 2013.

MACPZA: Anderson will attend the Minnesota Association of County Planning and Zoning Administrators' conference in St. Cloud on June 11th and 12th to address legislative actions and how they will effect zoning from the shoreland, septic, wind energy, general zoning, DNR, BWSR and the Environmental Quality Board standpoint.

Wind Energy: Anderson has yet to hear anything from Jeff Hane about the ordinance information given to him.

Tree matting: Dagen had asked at the last meeting if tree matting is biodegradable. Anderson asked Bernd from West Polk and she said that it is, but very slowly. Bernd said they are seeing matting that is about 10 years old starting to break down. Bernd also claims that the trees do grow faster with matting. Olson said a landowner is hiring CSI Vergas to install matting on his trees this summer.

Available Funds: The balances listed below are as of May 31st, unless otherwise noted: District, County, \$0; LWMP, \$10,000 County, \$5,256.92 SWCD; CLWP Dedicated Fund \$44,160; WCA, \$5,000 County, \$4,993.04 SWCD; Shoreland, \$0 County, \$1,234.71 SWCD; Feedlot, \$0 County, \$6,353.59 SWCD; SSTS, \$10,000 County, \$1,919.88 SWCD; and Zoning, \$0 County, \$5,710.16 SWCD and Beaver \$4,060.00.

Jim Schwab gave the Program Analyst's report as follows:

Swampbuster: Schwab, Olson and Larson will attend a WCA/Swampbuster meeting to be announced.

EQIP: Schwab said there is an EQIP sign-up going on.

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

CREP II: Roger Malm sent back abstract and will not perform the title commitment paperwork he performed for BWSR for 35-02-07-01 CREP II easement paperwork, as he had a disagreement with BWSR on how they should be handled. Olson said Polly Remick said there is a person in Fergus Falls that handles a lot of the easements statewide. As of right now, Olson will be re-submitting the 35-02-07-01 property with the Springbrook Project, as he would receive \$933 per acre compared to just over \$400 per acre with the 45 year easement.

Springbrook project sign-up: Olson submitted 27 applications for the RIM / Springbrook project by the June 1st deadline. Olson said there were only two parcels that did not sign up.

Feedlot: Anderson mentioned that we received \$522 from MPCA for activities she performed last year. This is an early payment, but MPCA wanted to get it out the door before the Governor unallots any funds. Olson will attend a Feedlot meeting on June 18th in Detroit Lakes. Olson performed his first official acts as feedlot officer. He visited the Wollin farm when he dropped off trees and Scott Nelson requested an air quality exemption for manure injection a couple of weeks ago.

CAI: There have been 9 tests by 4 individuals taken this spring for Commercial Applicator licensing. Olson received word that one test failed and that guy has to retest within 15 days.

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.

WCA KCHD: Dale Krystosek stated the final impact numbers have been calculated by BWSR for the CSAH 38 project and Kelly Bengtson needs to re-submit an updated request for BWSR Road Mitigation.

WCA CDO's: Olson said he was contacted by DNR Enforcement with two possible wetland violations to inspect.

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

State Envirothon: Olson said Tri-County placed 7th and Kittson Central placed 14th at the State Envirothon at Ironwood Springs Ranch on May 18th.

State Cost share: Upon a motion by Dagen, seconded by Wilebski, to pay State Cost share and CLWP cost share for FY08-02 for \$170 and for CLWP for \$85 for a well sealing and for FY08-08S for \$170 and for CLWP for \$85 for a well sealing. Upon a motion by Wilebski, seconded by Peterson, to encumber FY08-09 for field windbreak for about \$500 and FY08-10 to piggy back EQIP grazing contract for reaming funds of around \$2,500.

Weeds: Olson saw some Leafy Spurge popping up its ugly head in the countryside. If things start drying out we should start seeing some clipping going on after the 4th of July.

Trees: One landowner figures his site will be ready to plant June 12th. We will not be planting one landowners trees for sure this year. We have seven remaining sites left in the cooler to plant.

July Board meeting: The next Board meeting is scheduled for July 9th at 7 AM. Chad Severts plans on being here since Waffle discussion is to take place.

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

Justin Dagen, Secretary