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Minutes of the Meeting of

Kittson Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors

Held on June 18 2012, 7:15 AM

The Board of Supervisors of the Kittson Soil & Water Conservation District held its regular scheduled meeting on Monday June 18th 2012, at the Kittson SWCD/NRCS office.

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

Others present at the meeting were District Manager, Darren Carlson; District Coordinators, Joanne Quiner and Jamie Ingeman; Technician, Mark Larson; and District Technician; Brian Krippner.

The minutes of the May 21st, 2012 meeting were approved, upon a motion by Wilebski, seconded by Dagen and unanimous vote of the supervisors.

Welcome Heather Peterson to the Board of Supervisors, she will be taking the place of Ron Baldwin who has withdrawn from the board, with a motion by Dagen, seconded by Joe Wilebski.

Upon a motion by Dagen, seconded by Wilebski the bills were approved for payment as presented in the amount of \$27,645.28 Check numbers 3420-3453.

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

Jamie Ingeman gave the District Coordinator report as follows:

Check Signature: Presented check signature resolution for Jamie Ingeman to sign checks to the board for signatures. Need new resolution to remove Ron Baldwin and add Joanne Quiner to signature list. Motion by Dagen and seconded by Wilebski.

Quickbooks: SWCD was notified by NRCS of possible mandatory removal of Quickbooks from NRCS server. Presented this to the board and possible back up plans were discussed. The current deadline is unknown at this time.

Direct Deposit for Payroll: Discussed the possibility of direct deposit for employees. Discussion was tabled with a motion by Dagen and seconded by Wilebski.

Mark Larson gave the NRCS report as follows:

EQIP: It is currently the 3rd ranking period, they have not found anything else out yet.

CSP: Two more contracts funded since last meeting.

CRP: In coming weeks, will be conducting 40 point cover field checks, Brian is working on reviews and Jim and Mark will begin conducting the field checks.

Other: Tree Mat roller was at Ratzlaff's and Younggren's last week. Want more financials on the machine, how much has Pennington made with the roller, how much does one cost, and will it be a money maker for us.

Month: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Month

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

Natural Resources Block Grant (NRBG): FY 2011 funds have been spent and Darren has requested FY 2012 funds from the county.

DNR Observation Well: The FY 2011 is completed and invoice has been sent to the state. Signatures needed for the FY 2012 contract, Peterson signed.

State Cost Share Program:

- FY 12-02 Brandon Clark Well Decommission, Motion by Dagen, Seconded by Anderson
- FY 11-05 Dennis Klopp Shelterbelt for \$1428.75, Motion by Wilebski, Seconded by Dagen.

Area I Meeting: On Thursday June 21, 2012 in Detroit Lakes MN. One topic being discussed is Enviorthon donation comparison. Kittson County received the most funding for 2012, while some districts barely brought in any funding.

Brillion Rental

- Attached ledger for landowners who have rented the drill so far this year. To date the drill has been used for 494 acres with total charges of \$6,215.00.
- 5 more landowners would like to use it by the end of the month.

CCRP Contribution Work Agreement (CWA)

- 75 plans need to be completed and signed by August 10
- Have not received anything for the CRP CWA yet, but are working hard to get it, 275 plans would need to be done and signed by August 10.

Joe River Total Maximum Daily Load (JRWD TMDL)

The meetings have started and the MPCA has the money to potentially start this project this year.

- SWCD has been charging TRWD \$40/hr.

2011 CWF (Lake Bronson Filters)

- Motion by Dagen, Seconded by Wilebski for Floyd Docken FY 11-11 and FY 11-12 Clean Water Funds for grass filter strips planted in Roseau County.
 - FY11-11-5.2 acres- \$7,770.00
 - FY11-12-12.4 acres- \$ 18,040.00

County Ag Inspector (CAI)

- There have been 3 pest applicator test given this month.

Biennial Budget Request (BBR):

New way for SWCD to ask for money and this will be used for NRBG and projects as well. Needs to be completed by 6/30/12

PL 566/ Spring Brook project:

- NRCS Engineers plan to finalize their design this week; there will then be meetings with the landowners to sign RIM/CCRP applications by the end of the month.
- Earthen Berm has been removed from Britten/Jensen property in Section 31.

District Technician's Report (Brian Krippner)

WCA

- Made a site visit to Jeff Deere's Hunting Cabin to look at wetland.
- Wednesday June 20th training in Warren for FDR
- Thursday June 21st Ag Banking training in TRF.

CAI

Found Leafy Spurge and sent letters out and included 2 maps and different ways to manage the weed. Found on roadside on HWY 175 west and have seen positive response from the letter. Aerial applicator interested in receiving ground applicators licenses to help manage the weed.

Dalmatian Toadflax is spreading near Mike Ratzlaff's seed location by Halma. There is a meeting Thursday June 21st on possible ways to prevent this weed.

July Board Meeting

- Next board meeting will be held July 16th 2012.

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

Justin Dagen, Secretary

Jamie Ingemann
