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Minutes of the Meeting of

Kittson Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors

**Held on Thursday June 6th, 2013 at 7:30AM at the Kittson Soil and Water
Conservation Office.**

The Board of Supervisors of the Kittson Soil & Water Conservation District held its regular scheduled meeting on Thursday June 6th, 2013 at 7:30 AM at the Kittson Soil and Water Office.

Members present at the meeting included: Chairman, Ron Anderson; Vice Chairwoman, Heather Peterson; Secretary, Justin Dagen; and Treasurer, Joe Wilebski and Public Relations, C.J. Peterson.

Others present at the meeting were District Manager, Darren Carlson; District Technician, Brian Krippner; District Coordinator, Jamie Osowski; NRCS District Conservationist, Jim Schwab and Mark Larson; NRCS Technician.

The minutes from the May 2nd, 2013 board meeting were approved, upon a motion by Wilebski and seconded by Dagen with unanimous vote of the supervisors.

Upon a motion by H. Peterson, seconded by CJ Peterson and unanimous vote of the supervisors, the Treasurer's report was approved as presented by Jamie Osowski.

Jamie Osowski gave the District Coordinator report:

Newsletter Advertisement: Vendors have been questioning about advertisement in the Newsletter, Jamie mentioned to the board that currently we are charging \$100 for 2 newsletters. Asked board if we should change the price of advertisement, board discussed prices and upon motion by Dagen and seconded by Wilebski and unanimous vote of the supervisors for the newsletter advertisement prices to be changed to \$200 a year.

Envirothon 2013: State Envirothon was held on May 20th at St. John's University. Kittson County Central placed 2nd at the event.

Audit: Jamie reported to the board that she sent out Audit bids for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2012. She sent bids to Peterson Company LTD, Brady Martz, CPA, and Drees, Risky, and Vallager, CPA. The only bid we received back was from Peterson Company LTD for the price of \$1800. Upon motion by Dagen, seconded by H. Peterson and unanimous vote from the supervisors to hire the services of Peterson Company LTD for the audit.

Joint Power Board (JPB) Member: Greg Peterson was our previous board member for the JPB, we need to elect a member of the board to be our JPB member. Upon motion by Dagen, and seconded by H. Peterson and unanimous vote of supervisors, C.J Peterson was nominated to be the Kittson SWCD JPB Member.

Jim Schwab gave the NRCS report:

CRP: The CRP Signup is going on and contracts need to be signed by June 14th. FSA is busy right now with the CRP Signups. Jim reported he has been busy with CP23 questions and as soon as he gets a list they will be doing field checks.

AWEP/EQIP Update: Have not heard anymore updates on more money.

HEL Compliance: HEL Compliance Reviews will be done out of the Baudette office, Jim will be doing the compliance reviews in Pennington County.

Jim reported that Mark Larson is now a half time employee with NRCS as he is needed to help on the farm. He will be working a 5 day on 5 day off schedule.

June is Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Pride Month

Darren Carlson gave the District Manager report

FY 2012 Natural Resources Block Grant (NRGB): Darren gave a report on the remaining funds that need to be encumbered by June 30, 2013. SSTS has \$639.65 remaining.

FY 2013 Natural Resources Block Grant (NRGB): Darren reported the amounts remaining in the FY 2013 grants, CLWP \$12,066.28 remaining, Feedlot \$17,655.33 remaining, SSTS \$18,941.00, Shoreland \$7,848.00, WCA \$31,120.51. These funds need to be encumbered by June 30th, 2014.

FY 2013 Conservation Delivery Grant: Remaining balance is \$12,837.40 and needs to be encumbered by 6/30/2014

FY 2013 RIM Easement Delivery Grant: Remaining balance is \$375 and needs to be encumbered by 6/30/2014.

2013 Kittson SWCD Tree Program: Four tree plantings have been completed. We have 5 state cost share contracts, 1 CRP contract, and 6 plantings with no cost share left to plant.

There are less than 2,000 trees remaining in inventory and we had ordered 16,000. We received a planting extension on of June 15th by NRCS. The mat roller from Pennington SWCD is scheduled for 6 sites in Kittson County for 17,825 feet.

Brillion Drill Program: The drill has been used once by Evald Kujava east of Florian. There are 15 growers signed up to use the drill for around 1000 acres of CRP plantings which need to be done by July 1st.

State Cost Share:

Darren gave an update on encumbered funds for State Cost Share. An amendment was done to Mark Langehaug's Shelterbelt; FY 12-09. Mark wanted to remove 150 feet from the row to keep an opening for his livestock to get through. Motion was made by CJ Peterson, seconded by H. Peterson and unanimous vote of supervisors to amend Mark Langehaug's State Cost Share FY 12-09 from \$2,486.40 to \$2,110.70 for a difference of \$375.70.

State Cost Share application for Mike Ratzlaff FY 13-02 Field Windbreak for \$1,244.52. Motion was made by Dagen and seconded by H. Peterson and unanimous vote of supervisors to approve the Ratzlaff Field Windbreak.

Well Sealings: Darren reported that he has 4 well sealing's that Bruce Gunderson is working on doing cost estimates for. Scott Klein in Skane 18 NW ¼, Esther Underberg in Arveson 34 NW ¼, Kent Benson in the City of Karlstad, and James Fulcunbridge in Norway 24 NW ¼ with 2 wells. Darren stated that he has not received the estimates from Bruce, but they should be here any day. Motion was made by Dagen, Seconded by H. Peterson and unanimous vote of supervisors to approve the 4 well sealing's for up to \$600.

Poppleton Township: Dennis Anderson for Poppleton Township spoke with Darren about cost share money for a Streambank Stabilization project in Sections 2 and 5. The cost estimate for both projects would be \$20,000. Discussion was had on this project and the board is unsure about holding up that much money for one project. Project topic was tabled.

Northstar Canola Plant Rain Garden: Darren spoke to the board about a rain garden state cost share project at the Canola plant.

PL566/Springbrook Project/Rim Signup: Darren reported to the board that 2 RIM easements are in the final stages to be paid, 10 are in need to Mortgage Consents and/or confinements. Britten's just signed their RIM application and some need their abstracts sent to Fergus Falls.

2013 SWAG: Darren reported that water monitoring for the SWAG grant has been done 3 times. The County Road 58 site is still underwater and to fulfill the contract, the site may have to be carried over into 2015 or the Grant could be reduced.

SSTS Training and Testing: Darren reported to the board that he passed his Intro to Onsite Systems training and Septic System Designs testing. He will be attending training in St. Cloud June 11th and 12th for Onsite Septic Inspection training. He will need to take continuing education credits to maintain status.

2013 Outstanding Conservationists: Darren put together information on each of the Conservationist nominees the board had mentioned at the May Board Meeting. After discussion, motion was made by Dagen, seconded by H. Peterson and unanimous vote of supervisors to nominate Cody Schmaltz as the Kittson SWCD Outstanding Conservationist of the Year.

DNR Ob Well Monitoring: Darren asked for motion and approval to continue monitoring the DNR Ob Well. The current contract ends June 30th, 2013. The district checks the Ob well once a month for \$120.00. Motion was made by CJ Peterson, seconded by Dagen and unanimous vote of supervisors to continue the monitoring from July 1st, 2013 through June 30th, 2014.

Brian Krippner gave the District Technician report:

Kurt Aakre Mitigation: Brian reported that everything is a go on this mitigation process.

Dean Carlson Violation: Brian had a TEP Meeting at Dean Carlson site with Dale Krystosek and Kelly Bengtson. Brian is writing up the documentation at this time.

WCA Training: Brian attended a WCA meeting in Mountain Iron, MN on May 22nd. He received information on WCA updates and New Legislation.

Certified Ag Inspector- Brian reported that the office has given 9 pesticide test in 2013. Will be writing up an article for the Kittson County Enterprise on the pesticide testing.

Dalmatian Toadflax Update: Brian gave an update on the Dalmatian Toadflax weed and he needs the contract for the Conservation Corp to be signed. The noxious weed spray schedule has been set for one week in June and 1 week in July for Conservation Corp to come up with Tordon and backpack sprayers.

Feedlots: Brian sent a letter from Howard Pearson out to the board members to read about minimally funded counties. Brian highlighted the letter during the meeting.

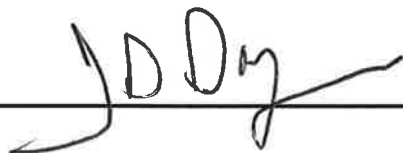
District Trimble GPS: Brian reported to the board that he did not think the unit he tried out from Frontier Precision. He attended a GPS training at the area office in TRF and he liked how those units worked. Brian received pricing on similar units from Frontier Precision and the pricing ranged from \$5800-\$15,000. Discussion was had on the pros and cons of the units.

Beavers: Brian has received his permit for trapping nuisance beaver, the board is ok with Brian receiving bounty from the Districts Bounty Program.

July Board Meeting: The July Board Meeting will be held on Thursday July 11th at 7:30 AM in the Kittson Soil and Water office.

With no further business to come before the board, motion was made by H. Peterson and Seconded by CJ Peterson and unanimous vote of supervisors for meeting to adjourn.

Justin Dagen, Secretary

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'JD Dagen', is written over a horizontal line.