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Minutes of the Meeting of

Kittson Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors

**Held on Wednesday June 12th, 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 June 12th, 2019 at 8:00 AM at the Kittson meeting room. Members present at the meeting included: Vice Chairman Joe Wilebski, Secretary Heather Peterson, Treasurer Andrew and Public Relations Sam Anderson. Chairman CJ Peterson was absent.

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 May 8th, 2019 board meeting were approved upon motion by Muir and seconded by Anderson and unanimous vote of supervisors.

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

New Business:

DNR Ob Well Agreement and Contract: Jeremy presented to the board the agreement and contract from the Minnesota DNR for the Observation Well in Tegner 27. Motion was made by H. Peterson and Seconded by Muir and unanimous vote of supervisors to sign into the DNR agreement and contract for 2020.

State Cost Share: Jeremy discussed State Cost Share well sealings with the board. Todd Nelson's well has been sealed and a payment voucher has been signed. Ross Helling located in Norway 14 with an estimate of \$875.00 and Phil Muir located in Thompson 3 with an estimate of \$875.00. Motion was made by Muir and Seconded by H. Peterson and unanimous vote of supervisors to approve the Helling and Muir well sealing contracts.

Matt Fischer gave a BWSR Update: Matt updated the board on the results of the legislative findings, Watershed based funding, and Technical training and certification program. Matt gave an update on Buffers and asked if we had anyone holding out on putting Buffers in and if we do we should have discussion on how this should be handled.

Staff Reports:

Jim gave an update on programs; there are 2 applications for CSP at this time. There is one application funded for EQIP and they are not sure if there will be any more funds coming. Jim gave an update on CRP in Kittson County, he stated there are 48 expiring and 26 are eligible for re-enrollment. Each CRP contract is still required to do a Mid Contract Management but with no cost share. Jim also reported that Michael is still coming over 2 days a week, he is not sure when they will be filling his position.

Heather gave her report, she reported on Story time in July, the Kittson SWCD's donation to the Kittson County Veteran's memorial went well and she recommended we keep doing this donation. Heather helped with the Kittson County 4-H Go Green Day camp and planted 54 Black Hill Spruce trees and she will be holding a Pollinator workshop at the Library to use up the extra supplies from Earth Day at the schools. At the last meeting, Heather presented the board with a flyer for the Summer program she will be holding for 1st-3rd graders in Hallock and Karlstad. Heather also reminded the board of the Conservation Tour on July 31st from 8:45- 2 PM. A new day camp Heather is working on with Lane Nordin is a Camping Camp and this will be in collaboration with the Kittson County AIS program on August 21st at Lake Bronson State Park. Next Heather spoke to the board on the Outstanding Conservationist and Rural Beautician award nominees with the board. The office has an ongoing list of potential nominees to chose from. Upon motion by H. Peterson and Seconded by Anderson and unanimous vote from the supervisors, the Kittson SWCD Nominated Roy Frame of Lancaster as the Outstanding Conservationist of the year and Roger and Judy Dziengel of Kennedy for Rural Beautification Award Winners for 2019.

Justin gave his report, he stated that he is working on WCA concerns in the City of Karlstad on developing land and had a report on Wagon Wheel Ridge that he will investigate. Justin reported that tree season is done; this year we had 5 tree plantings, 80 customers and 6,800 trees sold. He reported that we used the new tree planter on 2 tree plantings and it works great. Justin also reported that he attended a Feedlot meeting, planted Buffers, worked on designing a Side Water Inlet (SWI) and is working with the County Highway Department to help put up the new "Entering Kittson SWCD" signs.

Jeremy gave his report to the board, he reported that the Kittson SWCD has 30 Contracts for Side Water Inlets and seeding so far, also there are 150-175 parcels on the districts tracking system that are in the "needs review status and are not fully compliant. Jeremy started that he will be contacting all landowners that we have not heard from and are dragging their feet. Jeremy then reported on the 1W1P process, he gave the board a "Why 1W1P" write up to help them with any landowner questions they might receive. Jeremy then presented the board with the planning zones, and resource category and concerns that will be in the plan structure. Jeremy then reported on the State Agency concerns and those all fell into what we already have on our charts. We will be having

3 public kickoff meetings in July and those dates will be announced following the next policy meeting on June 20th. Jeremy then reported on Kris Folland's MAWQCP application, it has been pre-approved and just waiting for his Swift account number and then we will receive his money. Jeremy then reported on tree tubes, currently the district needs more tree tubes for the 2020 season. Jeremy researched the Tubex tubes sold by Traverse SWCD, they are \$3.05 a tube and \$1 a stake, the office thought to sell them at \$4.50 a tube and stake. We also have 400 2-foot pink tubes that customers are not interested in, Jamie asked the board if they would approve us listing these for sale to other districts and see if there is any interest. Upon motion by H. Peterson and Seconded by Anderson and unanimous vote of supervisors, the district will purchase 250 Tubex tree tubes from Traverse SWCD and list the 400 2-foot tubes to other districts.

Jamie Osowski gave her update to the board, she reported that the district sent a plant to the Dorothy Lawrence funeral from the Kittson SWCD Staff and Board, Dorothy was employed by the Kittson SWCD in 1960. Jamie purchased the plant on her own credit card and asked for reimbursement if the board was ok with the purchase, the cost was \$64.11. Motion was made by H. Peterson and seconded by Anderson and unanimous vote of supervisors to reimburse Osowski for the purchase of the plant to the Dorothy Lawrence service. Jamie then reported that the audit for the Kittson SWCD will be Monday July 8th at 8 AM, she will begin working on the necessary items for the audit one received. Jamie reported on damage to the Kittson County Fair building on the morning on June 7th. The doors on the South and West sides were damaged, the Fair board will take care of the insurance claims. The board discussed the possibility of helping the fair board put heavier doors on the building. Jamie stated she will talk to the fair board on this.

**The next board meeting will be on Wednesday July 10th, 2019 at
8 AM in the Kittson County downstairs Meeting Room.**



7/10/2019

Heather Peterson, Secretary

Date