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Minutes of the Meeting of

Kittson Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors

Held on Wednesday May 8th, 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 May 8th, 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.

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 April 10th, 2018 board meeting were approved upon motion by H. Peterson 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 H. Peterson and unanimous vote of supervisors.

New Business:

Non-Structural Land Management Practices:

Justin spoke to the board on the changes to this program to include Reduced Till, Strip Till and No Till. Each practice would be \$15 per acre and would follow the same acre caps and limits on amounts of contracts as the cover crop policy. There will be a limit to landowners of 1 contract per practice per year. H. Peterson made the motion to accept the implementation plan for the Non-Structural Land Management plan as presented, Muir seconded the motion with unanimous vote of supervisors.

Staff Reports:

Jim gave an update on programs; there have been 11 applications for EQIP and 1 grazing system was approved for EQIP. He stated that there is no more money at this time but there is action in Washington to see 22 million more for Minnesota. Jim then reported that there is a CSP signup going on at this time, have seen 1 application so far. Jim is required to go over the Memorandum of Understanding each year with the board. Jim then gave an update on CRP, he stated that if landowners have land coming out of CRP, they need to come in and see Jim for an HEL plan. May is National Wetland and Beef Month.

Heather gave her report, she presented a flyer to the board on a summer program she is holding every Tuesday in July. She stated she is working on a registration process and has some interest being shown. Heather stated that we are in the beginning process of the Conservation tour but the main decision that needs to be made is a date. Heather presented the board with 3 dates and Wednesday July 31st was the date picked.

Justin gave his report, he stated that trees are in and pickup was to begin on Wednesday May 8th at Noon. He stated that they bagged all individual orders to see if that helps with the process this year. He also stated that we have 1 tree planting scheduled already. He then reported that 1 of the drills were being delivered today. Justin gave an update on the cover crops and stated that the office received 3 cover crop contracts in 3 days.

Jeremy gave his report to the board. He stated that they have been out staking buffers and working on getting contracts signed for Cost Share. Jeremy stated that there are landowners signing up for the drills for planting their buffers. Jeremy then touched on 1W1P, he stated that he worked with the IWI on hydro-conditioning for behind the scenes for the PTM App. Jeremy stated that the steering team has been meeting and will meet again on May 14th to go over basic structure of the plan layout. There will be another policy meeting in June.

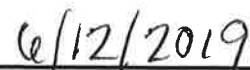
Jamie Osowski gave her update to the board, she reported that Envirothon was held on Wednesday April 24th at Lake Bronson State Park with 20 teams competing and Kittson Central, Tri-County and Greenbush Middle River going on to State. Jamie then updated the board on upcoming meetings and stated she will touch more on these in the June meeting.

The next board meeting will be on Wednesday June 12th, 2019 at

8 AM in the Kittson County downstairs Meeting Room.



Heather Peterson, Secretary



Date