

**Minutes of the Meeting of  
Kittson Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors  
Held on May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

The Board of Supervisors of the Kittson Soil & Water Conservation District held its regular scheduled meeting on Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009, at the Kittson County Farm Service Agency meeting room located in Hallock, Minnesota.

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Peterson.

The minutes of the April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009, meeting was approved, upon a motion by Wilebski, seconded by Dagen, and unanimous vote of the supervisors.

The meeting was turned over to Chairman Klein when he arrived. 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 Coordinator, Shane Olson; Program Analyst, James Schwab and Keely Olson.

Breakfast pizza was enjoyed by all in attendance compliments of American Federal Bank of Hallock.

Upon a motion by Wilebski, seconded by Dagen and unanimous vote the treasurer's report was approved as presented by Quiner. Upon a motion by Wilebski, seconded by Dagen, and unanimous vote, for check #2359 through #2390 for the amount of \$12,305.22 for the month of April was approved as presented by Quiner.

Quiner reported the 2006 accounts receivable for \$43.73; 2007 accounts receivable for a total of \$60.46; and 2008 accounts receivable for a total of \$379.41.

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

Arbor Day trees: Quiner and Olson traveled to all the elementary schools in Kittson County to disperse Arbor Day trees.

Myron calendars: Quiner asked if the Board would like to purchase Myron calendars again for 2010. Upon a motion by Dagen, seconded by Wilebski and unanimous vote to purchase 50 pocket pal calendars from Myron manufacturing.

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

District activities: Anderson said staff meetings were held on April 16<sup>th</sup> and May 7<sup>th</sup>.

Handicap accessibility: In order to keep her handicap accessibility certificate, Anderson must complete 2.5 more credits of continuing education through the State by January 1, 2010. She will be attending training on May 18-20<sup>th</sup> to complete that requirement.

Resolutions: Anderson reminded the Board about resolutions which will need to be presented at the next Area I meeting sometime in June.

Water Plan Update: Anderson is starting the writing process.

TSA Area I meeting: Anderson attended the old TSA Area I meeting in Thief River Falls on April 14<sup>th</sup>. This meeting dealt with wrapping up loose ends before the 17-district Red River TSA begins in June. The other districts from the "old" TSA are going to remain together for AgBMP purposes. We have never participated with that group, so it will not affect us.

Turbidity: MPCA held a local stakeholders meeting on turbidity in the Courthouse on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Anderson said impairments have been found on several reaches in Kittson County through monitoring. MPCA must put together an implementation plan by the end of the year. Cary Hernandez is the new MPCA representative, which previously was Jim Courneya.

Envirothon: The Envirothon was held April 29<sup>th</sup> at Lake Bronson State Park. Anderson was the lead presenter of the presentation station; Olson was the lead presenter for the Current Events station along with Mark Larson; Dan Money was the lead presenter for the aquatics station and Quiner handled the lunch duties again. Olson received nearly \$1,200 in donations this year. Olson thanked Dagen for the potato chips. Tri-County sent 4 teams and Kittson Central 2 teams. Kittson Central took both first and second place, as well as the first place trophy for the oral presentation. Tri County took the third spot in the competition. Vice Chairman Greg Peterson attended.

State Envirothon: Instructor Kim Jones asked Anderson to visit with the presentation champs before they travel to Ironwood Springs Ranch on May 18<sup>th</sup> to offer any suggestions on what the state judges may be looking for in a presentation.

Floodplain elevations: 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. Anderson has the elevations and needs Jim Hest to come and do the surveys.

Floodplain: Anderson is required to inspect any structures that are substantially damaged in the floodplain by more than 50 percent of the assessed value. Her husband Bill flew her over the county at the height of the flood and it looked like all of the ring dikes were doing their jobs. Anderson has been going back and forth with Dan Money and Gary Rice about any floodplain situations. Rice said he has had one person interested in a buyout so far and Money said a few folks are interested in ring dikes after this event.

Ring dikes: Dennis Diamond plans to put his own ring dike around his and a neighbor's home within city limits of Humboldt. After researching the situation, Anderson found that most watersheds would require him to obtain a permit through them, but from a zoning standpoint this situation would be considered almost like landscaping, for which a zoning permit is not required. If Humboldt participated in the National Flood Insurance Program, he would be required to get a floodplain permit from Anderson, but since Humboldt is one of very few cities that don't participate, there really isn't anything Anderson needs to permit from a zoning standpoint.

MACPZA: Anderson will attend the Minnesota Association of County Planning and Zoning Administrators' conference in St. Cloud on June 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> 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. The Association of Minnesota Counties has heard that only three counties have opted to permit wind farms, so they are worried that this would mean that many wind farms would be built with very little local permitting. There are several bills in legislation currently addressing how wind energy should be permitted.

Waffle Plan: Previously, Anderson contacted UND's EERC to give a presentation about the Waffle Plan. Chairmen Klein asked if we could schedule her for the July meeting due to possible late seeding going on due to wet conditions. Anderson believes BWSR's Chad Severts' would also like to attend that meeting.

Available Funds: Anderson said a letter was sent from the County with the District's appropriation for the first quarter of the year, stating that cuts may be made to the third and fourth quarter appropriations, as the County will know more about its cuts by that time. The balances listed below are as of April 30<sup>th</sup>, unless otherwise noted: District, County, \$0; LWMP, \$10,000 County, \$6,588.82 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, \$2,249.88 SWCD; and Zoning, \$0 County, \$7,671.30 SWCD and Beaver \$4,160.00.

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 a rumor there will be an EQIP sign-up in May.

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: Dan Money and Olson met with landowners along the RIM / Springbrook project. Interest was about half and half in favor of the project. There is a June 1<sup>st</sup> deadline to sign up the parcels.

Feedlot: Olson presented the Feedlot Grant agreement to sign. Upon a motion by Dagen, seconded by Peterson, to accept the \$522 Feedlot Incentive grant.

Feedlot: Olson will attend a Feedlot meeting on June 3<sup>rd</sup> in Detroit Lakes.

AgBMP: Upon a motion by Wilebski, seconded by Dagen, to fund JS-09 tillage loan application for \$50,000 and LJ-09 tillage loan application for \$50,000. The current application order is as follows: EL-09, BL-09 and KG-09, \$50,000 no-till air seeder. Sevrin Anderson 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 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 Bemidji on June 30<sup>th</sup>.

State Cost share: Upon a motion by Wilebski, seconded by Peterson, to approve State Cost share and CLWP cost share for FY08-02 for \$170 and for CLWP for \$85 for a well sealing and for FY08-08 for \$170 and for CLWP for \$85 for a well sealing. Upon a motion by Dagen, seconded by Anderson, to encumber FY08-07 for a well sealing estimate of \$325.

2009 Trees report: Olson said he only received about a quarter of the trees ordered from Lee Nursery, as they are going out of business. Olson said most of the orders have been filled from Lincoln-Oakes Nursery, however very few fruiting trees will be available this year.

June Board meeting: Anderson asked if the next Board meeting could be re-scheduled because of the MCPZA conference. After discussion the board decided to hold it on June 10<sup>th</sup>.

Fair booth photo: Anderson said a new staff picture was recently taken and a new Board picture should be taken for the fair booth. Since everybody was in attendance the board decided to take a new photo in the office.

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

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Justin Dagen, Secretary