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Minutes of the Meeting of

Kittson Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors

Held on May 21, 2012, 7:15 AM

The Board of Supervisors of the Kittson Soil & Water Conservation District held its regular scheduled meeting on Monday May 21, 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.

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

The minutes of the April 16th, 2012 meeting was approved, upon a motion by Wilebski, seconded by Baldwin and unanimous vote of the supervisors.

Upon a motion by Dagen, seconded by Baldwin the bills were approved for payment as presented in the amount of \$29,416.76 Check numbers 3380-3419

Accounts receivable: Accounts receivable has outstanding balance of \$15,482.50.

Joanne Quiner gave the District Coordinators report as follows:

Check Signatures: Upon a motion by Baldwin, seconded by Wilebski a unanimous vote to revoke Bregsnev check signing privileges of May 1st, 2012 and to add Jamie Ingeman, to the new signature card along with Darren Carlson and Ron Baldwin. Signatures will be obtained at the June 18th meeting after the bank has written the resolution for the KSWCD board.

Arbor Month: The schools in Kittson County have been visited by District staff, Brian Krippner, Jamie Ingeman and Joanne Quiner. Elementary grades 4-6th were given a presentation and demonstration of a black hill spruce plug planted in a pot. A history was given on how Arbor Day was started back in 1972 by J Sterling Morton in Nebraska. The care of the tree was explained and a question and answer period was very interesting.

Jim Schwaab gave the NRCS report as follows:

EQIP: Eight contracts had been funded, 5 for grazing and 3 for cropland.

CSP: Money available to fund 5 contracts.

CRP: Darren has been approved for 75 contracts to be written.

Month: Asian Pacific Islander month.

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

New Employee: Darren reported and introduced Jamie Ingeman and she began fulltime employment May 14, 2012 and received a written notice of resignation from Thedy Bergsnev on file for May 1st, 2012.

FY 2011 (NRBG)

Reviewed hours from each account remaining figures are hours to spend them.

- FY 2011 Funds as of April 1, 2012 that need to be spent by 6/30/12.
 - Feedlot = \$3,650 / \$40/hr = 91 hours or 12 days
 - SSTS (Septic) = \$3,100 / \$40/hr = 78 hours or 10 days
 - DNR Shoreland = \$1,400 / \$40/hr = 35 hours or 5 days
 - WCA (Wetland) = \$950 / \$40/hr = 24 hours or 3 days
- FY 2012 Funds can be used when we finish with the FY 2011 Funds.

Native Buffer Funds:

Darren emailed the board discussing the Native Buffer Funds, Motion by Wilebski, seconded by Dagen to approve \$12,000 for TNC.

Kittson SWCD Tree Programs/Plantings:

- A total of 17,500 trees were ordered from nurseries this year and 800 remain unsold.
- 16 tree planting sites have been done with SWCD planter and staff to date
 - 2 potential big tree planting from next year
 - 30,000 for Larry Wilebski CRP (if it gets approved)
 - 10,000 to 15,000 for Tom Vig
- Talked about setting rates for
 - Potted Tree Plantings
 - Planting bigger the Conservation Grade Trees (<2 feet in height)
 - Installing Mats
 - Installing Tree Shelters

Brillion Rental

- The Brillion drill has been used by 7 landowners for an estimated 235 acres so far.
- There are 5 landowners scheduled to use it this week and others listed for later planting dates.

Wetland Contribution Work Agreement (CWA) with NRCS

- We started the CWA last week and are going to try to do 3 to 5 1026's a day. Jim Schwab has been helping when needed and met with Dale Krystosek from BWSR to be approved to do this with CWA.

Flood Damage Reduction Work Group Agreement with MPCA

- MPCA would like the Kittson SWCD to do Wetland ID in the impoundments. We would do the Ross Impoundment for \$40/hour. Total of 60 hours for a total of \$2,400. Training would be held on June 20th near Warren at the Audubon Sanctuary.

2011 CWF (Lake Bronson Filters)

- Motion by Dagen, seconded by Baldwin for FY2011-11 Floyd Docken for \$1,770.00
- Motion by Baldwin, seconded by Dagen for FY2011-12 Floyd Docken for \$ 18,040.00
- Motion by Dagen, seconded by Baldwin for FY2011-13 Randy Dvergsten for \$13,777.00

County Ag Inspector (CAI)

- Brian Krippner went with Jeff Sira to do seed sampling at local companies including; Hardware Hank- Hallock, Wilson Greenhouse, Carlson Seed Farm, Hunt Seed Company and Crop Production Services.
- There have been 4 individuals that have stopped by for study materials for pesticide applicator. Testing will soon follow.

CCRP CWA

- Told NRCS, Kittson SWCD would do 75 CCRP plans; 75 plans x \$480/plan=\$36,000, need to have signatures by 9/1/2012.
- General CRP CWA is still up in the air. Told NRCS, Kittson SWCD would do 150 plans if funds are available. 150 plans X \$480/plan= \$72,000.

Biennial Budget Request (BBR):

- The Biennial Budget request is intended to obtain information on water management projects and activities from local governments that are to be implemented under a program and operations or competitive grant through BWSR. Projects and activities included in a BBR are:
 - Priorities of the local government that are directly connected to the water management plan.
 - Targeted to address a water management priority;
 - Can be realistically implemented within a three year grant agreement period
 - Deadline is June 30th, 2012

Employee Handbook

- Not all the board members had a chance to look it over. We will come back to this topic at June meeting.

Other:

- Joe River TMDL meeting Tuesday, sounds like MPCA have fund to proceed with this. Deadline is 12/31/2013
- Darren took part in the SSTS Teleconference
 - Wilkin and Chisago counties have had a total inventory of septic systems in their counties done. Both inventories took about 5 years to complete, Wilkin had 956 SSTS systems in 22 townships.
- Ron Mooney and Alan Truscinski
 - Mooney has said that Truscinski has been using SWCD/Mooney's land to access his property. Mooney spoke to the Sheriff and they cannot do anything, Mooney will need an official land survey to show where the property lines are.
- Area I MASWCD meeting is 6/21/12 at the American Legion in Detroit Lakes. Asked if any board members would be interested in attending, otherwise Darren and Jamie will attend.
- There are 2 upcoming surveys for Erik Lindegard and Scott Klein.

District Technician's Report (Brian Krippner)

- WCA
 - Baldwin made a motion and Wilebski seconded the approval for Brian to attend the Wetland Delineator Certification Program September 17-21 in Little Falls MN, price for the course is \$875 if registered by August 20th.
- Feedlot
 - Brian attended the Feedlot Conference in Brainerd on May 9th.
- Enviorthon
 - Discussed another successful Enviorthon; 24 teams, Kittson Central took 1st and Tri-County took 3rd.

- Plot Master
 - Baldwin made a motion and Wilebski seconded the approval to use the contract for the plot master. Price is \$100/day, \$250/weekend, \$50 late fee and a \$50 maintenance fee if seed is not removed when returned.
- Tools for District
 - Discussed the possibility of purchasing tools for the District, purchase a tool set from Auto Value.

June Board Meeting

- Next board meeting will be held June 18th, 2012

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

Justin Dagen, Secretary


