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Minutes of the Meeting of

Kittson Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors

Held on Thursday May 2nd, 2013 at 7:30AM at the Kennedy Café, Kennedy MN.

The Board of Supervisors of the Kittson Soil & Water Conservation District held its regular scheduled meeting on Thursday May 2nd, 2013 at 7:30 AM at the Kennedy Café in Kennedy MN.

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

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

The minutes from the April 8th board meeting were approved, upon a motion by Dagen and seconded by Wilebski with unanimous vote of the supervisors.

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

Jamie Osowski gave the District Coordinator report:

Bank CD's: Jamie reported to the board that 2 CD's are expiring at the beginning of the month and she will be working with the banks to get the best rates for the CD's.

District Credit Cards: Jamie spoke to the board about credit cards for the district. When there are meetings or conventions, the employees end up putting the expenses on their credit cards and are then reimbursed by the district and it can be a couple days until they receive their reimbursement check. Jamie received information from American Federal on a Business Platinum Credit Card through them. This card has no annual fees. Upon motion by Dagen and seconded by CJ Peterson and unanimous vote from supervisors to apply for credit cards for the district employees.

Envirothon 2013: Envirothon was held on April 24th at Lake Bronson State Park. Grygla received first place, Kittson County Central received 2nd and MCC received 3rd. Kittson County Central won the Oral Presentation.

Administrative Session: Jamie will be attending the Spring Administrative Session in Mahnomen on June 19 and 20th.

Hallock All School Reunion Parade: Jamie reported to the board about the Hallock All-School reunion parade that will be held on July 20th in Hallock. Jamie registered the district and there is no cost to be a part of the parade. Thoughts of a float were brought up and we will either pull the Brillion or the Plotmaster.

NRCS Report: In Jim's absence, Jamie gave the NRCS Report.

AWEP/EQIP Update: Overall total EQIP and AWEP is \$530,521 and more funds may be coming.

PL 566: The project will be starting as soon as Mother Nature allows, a contractor has been assigned.

CRP Signup: General CRP Signup is May 20th and Continuous may occur at the same time.

Other: At this time, there is no contribution agreement dollars allocated for CRP, CCRP or other programs.

May is Asian Pacific Islanders Month.

Darren Carlson gave the District Manager report

FY 2012 Natural Resources Block Grant (NRBG): Darren gave a report on the remaining funds that need to be spent by June 30, 2013. Feedlot has \$3,213.09 remaining, SSTS has \$4,394.80 remaining, Shoreland has \$327.00, and WCA has \$598.36 remaining.

FY 2013 Natural Resources Block Grant (NRBG): Darren reported the amounts remaining in the FY 2013 grants, CLWP \$13,342.68 remaining, Feedlot \$12,750.00 remaining, SSTS \$18,941.00, Shoreland \$5,294.00, WCA \$32,894. These funds need to be spent by June 30th, 2014.

FY 2013 Conservation Delivery Grant: Remaining balance is \$14,127.68 and needs to be spent by 6/30/2014

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

2013 Kittson SWCD Tree Program: Darren stated we have 15 scheduled tree plantings planned for 2013. We have over 50 tree order forms. Trees from Schumacher are scheduled to be here on May 13th and from Lincoln Oaks on May 14-15th. The tree dispersal day is set for May 17th and 18th.

State Cost Share:

-FY 12-08 Ronessa Steyn- Shelterbelt, Clow 18; Cost Estimate \$298.40, 75% \$223.80; FY 12-09; Mark Langehaug- Shelterbelt, Hazelton 24; Cost Estimate \$3315.20, 75% \$1864.80; FY 12-10 and FY 13-01 Jerry Gillie, Shelterbelt, Thompson 14; Cost Estimate \$ 3134.67; FY 12-10 \$ 1817.29 and FY 13-01 \$ 533.71. Upon Motion by CJ Peterson, seconded by Dagen and unanimous vote of supervisors to approve the 3 State Cost Share contracts.

RIM Signups- Darren reported to the board that he has been receiving abstracts and has been sending them to Nycklemoe Law Office in Fergus Falls.

RRV Setaside Program: Darren asked for a motion to send the \$8,806.79 of unencumbered Red River Setaside funds back to BWSR from 2007 and 2009. Motion was made by Wilebski and seconded by CJ Peterson and unanimous vote from supervisors to send the funds back to BWSR.

International Water Institute Surface Water Assessment Grant: We can begin the monitoring when mother nature allows, we have received the cooler and materials for the testing to be conducted.

Kittson SWCD Conservation Cooperator- Darren asked each supervisor for a nomination for their area for Conservation cooperator of the year. Names were thrown around and office staff will put together the information for each grower so board members can decide from.

2013 Conservation Tour: Tentative date of July 30th for the tour, inviting Joe River and Two River Watershed districts and commissioners, possible locations would be Mark Larson's plots at farm, Mark Prosser and PL 566 Project.

Zoning: Darren reported to the board that the office might be receiving zoning back. Right now Barb O'Hara in Environmental Services handles zoning but her schedule has her out of the office so much that she is never there to handle the application process.

Upcoming Schedule: SSTS Training in St. Cloud May 6-9th, E-Link Training Monday June 10th in TRF, SSTS Training in St. Cloud June 11-12th.

Brian Krippner gave the District Technician report:

Wetland Banking: Brian reported that he attended a TEP Meeting in Warren for Kurt Aakre's mitigation. The mitigation has been giving to NRCS.

Dean Carlson Exemption: The Army Corp stated that they had not been notified about the initial impact on this site. Waiting for public comment.

East Farms Banking: Brian has recordings of the public hearing for the East Farms Public hearing available.

Certified Ag Inspector- Brian has been doing seed sampling and has recently received samples from Symington Seed, Kennedy Seed Depot and Dowdle Seed Farm.

Dalmatian Toadflax Update: Brian had a meeting on April 25th on the Toadflax. Discussion was had on future money for management and Russ from the Nature Conservancy will let us hire CCM crew for a few days.

Commissioner meeting: Brian met with the county commissioners regarding the Noxious Weed Policy.

Feedlot: Brian attended a meeting with Nicole Bernd on feedlots and minimally funded counties. Discussion was had with the board if they don't provide us with more money for feedlot, should the program be dropped. Brian stated he would talk to the Commissioners and call the feedlot committee for attendance at meeting.

Other: Installed HOB0 monitoring equipment and went with Matt Thompson from Two River Watershed and checked readings.

Equipment: Brian received a rental GPS from Frontier Precision and after he tested it he explained to the board that he was not impressed with the unit. Will speak with company to see what else will work.

June Board Meeting: The June Board Meeting will be held on Thursday June 6th at 7:30 AM at the Kittson Soil and Water Office.

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

Justin Dagen, Secretary


