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**Minutes of the Meeting of**

**Kittson Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors**

**Held on Wednesday May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 at 7:00 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 May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 at 7:00 AM at the Kittson County Courthouse meeting room.

Members present at the meeting included: Chairman CJ Peterson, Vice Chairman Joe Wilebski, Secretary Heather Peterson, Treasurer Justin Dagen, and Public Relations Ron Anderson.

Others present at the meeting were District Manager Jamie Osowski, District Technician Justin Muller, District Outreach Specialist Maddy Rehn, and Soil Conservationist Michael Steinhauer.

The minutes from last month's meeting were presented to the board. Justin Dagen moved to approve the minutes as presented and Heather Peterson seconded. The minutes were passed unanimously.

The treasurer's report from March was then presented to the board. Heather Peterson motioned to approve the treasurer's report, Justin Dagen seconded, and the report was passed unanimously.

New Business was brought up next. Jamie signed a new cover crop contract and reported that the FY 16 and 17 funds are now completely spent. There was also discussion on the Local Capacity Fund process. BWSR has asked for comments on a new "streamlining" process that would take out a step in the process but delay fund receiving. The board decided to comment that keeping the step and receiving funds early was a better fit for the District. Jamie also presented a draft PRAP comment letter. Heather Peterson motioned to submit the letter as presented, Justin Dagen seconded, it passed unanimously.

Next Michael Steinhauer gave the NRCS update for the Hallock office. Acting State Conservationist for Minnesota, Curtis Elke, has a visit to Hallock scheduled for May 24<sup>th</sup> to speak with NRCS and District staff about the new reorganization plan and any other current issues. Michael also reported that Jim Schwab may be done acting in Macintosh sooner than anticipated.

There is no new news on CRP but hiring will be opened for the state for various NRCS positions. The CSP deadline is June 6<sup>th</sup> and the office currently has 4 applications. The office has also funded two EQIP grazing applications.

Maddy Rehn then gave her report. She gave updates on the county entrance signs which need to be flagged so digging can begin, Moose Point which is very wet and waiting for trails to be cleared, shared with the board that Arbor Day school visits went very well, and then asked the board for nominees for Rural Beautification and Outstanding Conservationist at the next meeting.

Next Justin Muller gave his report. He mentioned a potential WCA violation north of the Moose Point Environmental Learning Center which is still being investigated, he also has done seed sampling for County Ag Inspector. Justin then brought forward the contract for Docken's tree planting of which the District is cost sharing 75%. Justin Dagen moved to approve the contract, Heather Peterson seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.

Justin also reported that a design for the Hill Township project has been completed and final cost would be \$40,540. There is the opportunity for the District to cost share up to \$40,000. He also reported that the District has received it's new tractor and Truax drill and that both have been being used.

District staff collectively delivered Jeremy Benson's report as he was not present. There is a One Watershed One Plan meeting scheduled for May 31<sup>st</sup> at 10 am at the Kittson County Courthouse. The mower ordered by the District is also in, just awaiting assembly.

Jamie Osowski then gave the District Manager's report. She presented an AgBMP loan contract to the board for a septic system costing ~\$11,000. Justin Dagen motioned to approve the loan, Heather Peterson seconded, and it was passed unanimously.

**The next board meeting will be June 13th, 2018 at 7 AM in the Kittson County Courthouse Meeting Room.**

**X** *Heather Peterson*

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Heather Peterson  
Secretary