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**Minutes of the Meeting of
Kittson Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors
Held on November 19th, 2012 at 8 AM**

The Board of Supervisors of the Kittson Soil & Water Conservation District held its regular scheduled meeting on Monday November 19th, 2012, at the Kittson SWCD office.

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

Others present at the meeting were District Manager, Darren Carlson; District Technician, Brian Krippner; District Coordinator, Jamie Ingeman; District Conservationist, Jim Schwab and Technician, Mark Larson. Also in attendance were Dale Krystosek, Senior Wetland Specialist- BWSR and Ryan Heinen, Wetland Specialist- BWSR.

The minutes of the October 15th, 2012 meeting were approved, upon a motion by Dagen, seconded by Wilebski and unanimous vote of the supervisors.

Upon a motion by Wilebski, seconded by Dagen the bills were approved for payment as presented in the amount of \$18,070.05. Check numbers 3576-3592.

Brian Krippner gave the District Technician report as follows:

Feedlots: Brian gave a report on his Feedlot Conference he attended September 16-18 in Willmar. He was given a history on the industry and stated his favorite part of the conference was nutrient management.

Brian also spoke about planning a meeting with the feedlot committee to see what the goals are for the county feedlots and discuss registration updates in the program. Brian is working on setting up a meeting date and Jim suggested we send a board member to the meeting as well. Joe Wilebski and Ron Anderson are planning on attending the meeting.

District:

Brillion Maintenance: Brian spent an afternoon at Ron Baldwin's shop repairing cracked sand wheels on the Brillion. He wanted to make these repairs before putting the Brillion away for the winter.

Wolf Hunting: Brian asked if the district would be interested in allowing a ledger to be started with producers interested in letting people hunt wolves on their land. Joe stated he would be ok with it, but would rather leave it the way it is and make the interested hunters come out and meet with the producers.

WCA:

Dean Carlson: Brian stated that after a survey was conducted this is a violation and he will be sending a restoration letter out to Dean. Dale K. stated he can apply for a Wetland Replacement plan or Wetland credits.

Trusckinski Violation: Brian and Dale K. are meeting with Scott Johnson from Roseau SWCD to discuss this violation and get a restoration order out. Board stated their frustration with this violation as it has been hanging around for a while now; Dale K. stated most of the holdup is the coordination with the Army Corps of Engineers and Fish and Wildlife services.

Rodger Johnson Ag Banking: Dale K. and Ryan H. from BWSR were in attendance at this board meeting to discuss this Ag Banking project with the members. Dale K. gave a background on Ag Banking. The board stated their reasons for not agreeing with this project. Dale K. stated they have good reasons but you need to have more information to back their decisions. Board voted on the Rodger Johnson Ag Banking and came to a vote of 3 no and 1 yes. Brian will write up a list of reasons to reject the project and send to the board. Brian needs to have notice of decision to BWSR within 10 days.

Jim Schwab gave the NRCS Report as follows.

EQIP and CSP- Jim and Mark have been working on CSP payments and he stated there will be EQIP sign up beginning in mid December.

Brian Dahl Stream bank project will start next week.

Native American Indian Heritage Month

District Manager Report (Darren Carlson)

State Cost Share: Darren spoke to board about the Kittson County Highway Department Stream Bank Stabilization project on County Road #5. Total cost of project would be \$11,199.51, had encumbered \$5666.40 from FY 10-08 and \$2,733.23 from FY 11-04. Received the final bill from KCHD and total bill was \$7549.68 and 75% of the bill is \$5662.26. We used funds from FY 10-08 and had a \$5.17 balance to send back to BWSR. Need a motion and approval to send the remaining funds back to BWSR. Motion by Wilebski, seconded by Peterson.

MASWCD Annual Convention- The convention will be December 2-4th at the Double Tree Hotel in Bloomington. Mike and Tara Ratzloff will be traveling down Monday to join us for the Conservationist of the Year events at the convention. We will be paying for their mileage, hotel, and meals.

District Coordinator Report (Jamie Ingeman)

NACD Dues: Jamie received the National Association of Conservation Districts Invoice for membership. Last year the board paid a \$500 investment to the Association. The board agreed to pay the same amount this year.

Health Insurance: Heather asked about Health Insurance and at this time we will be holding off on the plans as Jamie is the only employee who needs Health Insurance.

December Board Meeting

- Next board meeting will be held Monday December 17th at 8 AM at the Kittson SWCD Office.

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

Justin Dagen, Secretary


