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Minutes of the Meeting of

Kittson Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors

Held on Wednesday November 18th, 2015 at 7:00 AM at the Kittson County Driver's License meeting room.

The Board of Supervisors of the Kittson Soil & Water Conservation District held its regular scheduled meeting Wednesday November 18th at 7:00 AM in the Kittson County Driver's License meeting room.

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

Others present at the meeting were District Coordinator, Jamie Osowski, District Technician Justin Muller, District Technician, Sarah Gossman and NRCS District Conservationist; Jim Schwab.

The minutes from the October 16th, 2015 board minutes were approved upon motion by H. Peterson and Seconded by Anderson.

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

Jim Schwab gave the NRCS report:

October is National American Indian Heritage Month

EQIP Signup: Jim reported that there is a signup starting on November 20th.

CRP: Jim has been receiving phone calls from landowners with questions about buffers.

General Signup: General CRP Signup begins first week in December.

Technician Position: No opening for this position, possible Ultima employee being hired to file for NRCS.

Justin Muller gave the District Technician Report

WCA: Justin reported on site visits he conducted on possible violations. The first site South of Kennedy is not a violation and another site near Lancaster will be a violation.

CAI: Justin reported that he attended a County Ag Inspector area meeting in Mahanomen. Justin stated that the noxious weeds in the county are under control. New herbicide that will be available for noxious weeds.

Other: Justin stated that he placed an order with Schumacher Nursery for trees and a few orders have been coming in following the newsletter. Justin stated that he purchased signs for AIS to place at all WMA's. Justin reported that he attended some good sessions at BWSR Academy.

Sarah Gossman gave the District Technician Report:

Jamie welcomed Sarah Gossman to the Kittson SWCD Board of Supervisors.

Ag BMP: Sarah stated that she attended an Ag BMP training in Detroit Lakes on November 12th

Ag BMP Applications: Sarah stated that she received 2 Ag BMP Loan applications; the first application was from Evan and Savannah Bernstrom for \$4900 for a new septic system, motion was made by H. Peterson and seconded by Dagen and unanimous vote of supervisors to approve the Bernstrom loan. Another application was received from Kelly Bengtson for \$50,000 for a chisel plow. Motion was made by Dagen and Seconded by Wilebski and unanimous vote of supervisors to approve Bengtson loan.

Jamie Osowski gave the District Coordinator/Manager report:

CWF Amendment: Jamie and Justin reported to the board that the \$75,000 that was encumbered for the Red River of the North project had no interest and either the district needed to find another area that might have interest of send the money back. Justin found a couple potential areas that might have more interest in filter strips. Discussion was had on the areas of County Ditch 13 and County Ditch 22 Sub watershed. Motion was made by H. Peterson and Seconded by Dagen and unanimous vote of supervisors to make an amendment to change the area to target with the Clean Water Funds.

Governor Dayton's Buffer Law and Funding Initiative: Discussion was had on what the district would like to see this money received for the Buffer's and MAWQCP be spent on. A brainstorming session was held at previous board meeting on what to budget the \$100,000 toward and further discussion was had on amounts to budget toward each area.

Zoning and AIS: Jamie reported that the Kittson County Board of Commissioners submitted a resolution that they intend to take over the administration of the County Zoning and Aquatic Invasive Species efforts beginning January 1st, 2016. Motion was made by H. Peterson and seconded by Wilebski and unanimous vote of supervisors to approve the resolution to give the county back zoning and AIS duties.

Area 1 Meeting: Discussion was had on the cancelled Area 1 Meeting that was to be hosted by the Kittson SWCD and to be held in Hallock.

December Board Meeting: The December Board meeting is scheduled for December 11th, 2015 at 8 AM.

Justin Dagen, Secretary

