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**Minutes of the Meeting of
Kittson Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors
Held on Tuesday October 31st, 2017**

The Board of Supervisors of the Kittson Soil & Water Conservation District held its regular scheduled meeting on Tuesday October 31st, 2017 at 8 AM in 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 Technician, Justin Muller; District Technician, Jeremy Benson; District Administrator, Jamie Osowski and NRCS Technician, Michael Steinhauer.

The minutes from the September 13th, 2017 were not available at the board meeting, will be available in December.

The financial reports from September, October and November will be available at the December Board Meeting.

Michael Steinhauer gave the NRCS Report:

October is National Disability Month

November is National American Indian Heritage Month

Michael reported that Jim is working in McIntosh on a 120 day detail, he will be working from their office on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

CRP: Michael reported that the CRP plans from the batches are ready

CSP and EQIP: Michael stated that he has been working on CSP renewals, Kittson doesn't have many, but he has been helping Roseau, Koochiching and Lake of the Woods. EQIP sign up is complete and they received 10 applications; 3 for grazing and the rest for Cover Crops. Plans are due in February/March.

Justin Muller gave the District Technician report:

Buffers: Justin reported that he has been working on staking Public Water Buffers. The office has been receiving waivers and the office attended a meeting on alternative practices.

District Outreach Position: Justin reported that Maddy Rehn will be starting on January 8th. He also stated that he ordered the computer and accessories for her desk.

SSTS Upgrade: Justin reported that the septic upgrade for Jacob Bakke was installed in September, the payment voucher is for \$17,108.05. Motion was made by H. Peterson and Seconded by Dagen and unanimous vote by supervisors to approve payment for Bakke's septic upgrade.

Justin also reported that Kittson County received the FY18 SSTS Upgrade Grant in the amount of \$22,430.

CAI: Justin reported that Palmer Amaranth is becoming an issue in Minnesota as it has been confirmed spotted in Todd and Douglas County.

Other: Justin presented the payment voucher for State Ditch 1 in Skane 13 and 14 to reshape the ditches and install 4 new pipes. Justin reported that the payment voucher is for \$40,111.65 in which \$20,000 will come from Local Capacity, \$10,000 will come from County Match and \$10,000 from State Match. Motion was made by Dagen and Seconded by Wilebski and unanimous vote of supervisors to approve this payment voucher for State Ditch 1.

Justin reported that the next Area 1 Meeting is in Detroit Lakes on November 21st. NRCS signed our coop agreement for computers. Justin also reported that trees have been ordered for 2018, he stated that he ordered 4,000 trees from Schumacher's nursery. Justin also reported that the Brillion and Truax drill were used in 2017 for a total of 600 acres.

Jeremy Benson gave his District Technician report

Buffers: Jeremy reported that there are 2 Buffer cost share contracts that have been signed and returned. A number of landowners are doing the buffers themselves. Riparian aid is still available to flat rate on SWI's.

State Cost Share: Jeremy reported that he received Steve Weberg's cost estimate of \$15,512 for his streambank project. He hopes to receive Paul Gillie's rock chute estimate in December. Jeremy reported that the well sealing for the Frog Pond in Halma is being worked on. Jon Leader hopes to have Todd Nelson and Todd Truedson's well sealing's done by December.

Rain Gauge: Jeremy reported that the average rainfall for September 2017 was 3.9 inches. The September 2016 average was 4.45 inches.

Other: Jeremy reported that the fall newsletter articles were submitted to Morgan Printing. Glen Kajewski with the Minnesota Ag Water Quality Certification Program (MAWQCP) will be coming to train us on program assessments. Jeremy reported that DNR Ob Well reading is down and he attended BWSR Academy in Brainerd.

Jamie reported that the Local Capacity work plan needs to be submitted to receive the funds. We will be receiving \$100,000 with 1 to 1 local match from county and state of up to \$18,200 for a total of \$136,400. We will have a brainstorming meeting at our December board meeting.

The Annual Convention will be December 3rd-December 5th in Bloomington.

Next Board meeting will be held on December 13th, 2017 at 8 AM.

With no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned.

Heather Peterson, Secretary



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