

**Minutes of the Meeting of
Kittson Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors
Held on October 15th, 2009**

The Board of Supervisors of the Kittson Soil & Water Conservation District held its regular scheduled meeting on Thursday, October 15th, 2009, at the Kittson County Farm Service Agency office meeting room located in Hallock, Minnesota.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Klein.

Members present at the meeting included Chairman, Scott Klein; Vice Chairman, Greg Peterson; Secretary, Justin Dagen; and Treasurer, Joe Wilebski. Absent: Public Relations, Ron Anderson.

Others present at the meeting were District Manager, Darren Carlson; District Coordinator, Joanne Quiner; Program Coordinator, Shane Olson; Conservation Program Manager, James Schwab.

The minutes of the September 10th, 2009, meeting was approved, upon a motion by Peterson, seconded by Wilebski, and unanimous vote of the supervisors.

Upon a motion by Peterson, seconded by Wilebski and unanimous vote the treasurer's report was approved as presented by Quiner. Upon a motion by Peterson, seconded by Wilebski, and unanimous vote, for check #2520 through #2562 for the amount of \$23,249.26 for the month of September was approved as presented by Quiner.

Accounts receivable: Quiner reported there is no accounts receivable from past years.

Joanne Quiner gave the District Coordinator's report as follows:

Rent agreement: Quiner discussed the rental agreement with NRCS and FSA.

Bank authorization: Upon a motion by Wilebski, seconded by Dagen, and unanimous vote, to sign the Authority of multiple signature requirements with American Federal Bank and was signed by Chairman Klein.

Bank account: Upon a motion by Dagen, seconded by Peterson, and unanimous vote, to add Darren Carlson's signature to the American Federal Bank and Marshall Bank accounts.

NACD dues: Upon a motion by Dagen, seconded by Peterson, and unanimous vote, to pay NACD \$500 for dues.

Darren Carlson gave the District Manager's report as follows:

Staff meeting: A staff meeting was held on October 1st and hopefully one will be held following this meeting.

CLWP: Carlson has been working on the CLWP. Severts claims at this point it is too vague. He will meet with him in Bemidji in coming weeks, as it is due by December 31st.

Clean Water Legacy: Carlson recently attended a Clean Water Legacy meeting. He says there is a lot of money available to apply for and is hoping to apply for some various projects. Sign-up begins October 15th and ends December 31st.

NW Water Festival: Carlson and Larson were presenters for the September 22nd NW Water Festival in Warren and September 23rd at Fertile.

BWSR Academy: Carlson will most likely attend BWSR Academy on November 2-4th at Cragun's.

James Schwab gave the NRCS' report as follows:

CSP: Schwab talked about the CSP sign-up. He said there were two landowners that signed up the first go around. There will be another sign-up taking place in the near future.

EQIP: Schwab said there is no sign-up upcoming.

Hispanic Heritage Month: Schwab said that October is Hispanic Heritage month.

Streambank project: Schwab said the contractor completed a streambank project in Percy Township.

Shane Olson gave the Program Coordinator's report as follows:

AgBMP: The current application order is as follows: BL-09, EL-09, SA-10 and WM-10 from FCS revolving funds KG-09, from local lender funds.

RIM sign-up: Olson completed mapping of each easement, however BWSR staff needs them sent in a different format. Olson hasn't been able to connect with Aaron Spence at BWSR, who is taking care of it right now as Kristie Mack is on maternity leave.

WCA County Ditches: Olson attended a meeting to discuss where suspected violations occurred on County Ditch 12 on September 21st. Also, attending the meeting were Donovan Pietruszewski and Christine Reisz from DNR; Leon Olson, Brian Kettring and Kelly Bengtson. Recently, Kelly Bengtson prepared a letter of support from various agencies to meet with Governor Pawlenty about the issues. Upon a motion by Dagen, seconded by Peterson, to support Kittson County for having a meeting with Governor Pawlenty.

WCA Violations: Olson hasn't seen anything in the mail yet from Conservation Officer, Ben Huener about wetland violations reported by Donavan Pietruszewski during aerial flights last November. One was on Gary Johnson's property and the other on CD 23 road North of Goldstrand's.

Feedlot re-registration: Olson has been receiving some re-registrations of feedlots as they were sent out to the 24 who have registered in the past and also one was given to a young farmer who stopped by one day.

MACFO conference: Olson will attend the MACFO conference in Detroit Lakes on October 20-22nd.

CAI: Olson mentioned that Kelly Turgeon recently issued several CRP weed penalties for Canada thistle.

Streambank project: Olson said the contractor completed the a streambank project in Percy Township recently. Schwab mentioned Gopher State 1 call was not completed and he said there might be some issues regarding that. However, Olson said Gopher State 1 call does not have to be performed for State Cost Share. If EQIP is not paid, the landowner would be eligible for the remaining \$490.87 of FY07 cost share. If the landowner is paid EQIP, the remaining funds will go to FY07-14. Upon a motion by Peterson, seconded by Wilebski, to pay all remaining FY06-10 funds and \$4,194.42 for FY07-12 for a streambank stabilization.

FY09 State Cost share: Upon a motion by Peterson, seconded by Wilebski, to pay FY08-03 for \$162.50 for State and \$81.25 for CLWP for a well sealing; to pay FY08-04 for \$162.50 for State and \$81.25 for CLWP for a well sealing; to pay FY08-05 for \$250 for State and \$125 for CLWP for a well sealing; and to pay FY08-06 for \$300 for State and \$150 for CLWP for a well sealing.

Surveys: Quiner and Olson were out and surveyed for a landowner in Clow Township and Olson completed it recently.

Envirothon: Olson mentioned that Lancaster has a new teacher who contacted him about information for her students to attend next springs Envirothon, which will be at Agassiz Refuge.

RRV Set Aside: Upon a motion by Dagen, seconded by Peterson, to pay Red River Valley Set Aside contracts for 2009.

Area I meeting: Kittson SWCD is hosting the Area I meeting on November 19th in Ada. Don Bajumpaa has been contacting Olson to prepare the agenda. We are to take care of registration that day and bring rolls and refreshments that morning.

MASWCD Convention: Olson said he will possibly go to the MASWCD convention which is December 6-9th at Duluth. Quiner said reservations and registration is due November 5th.

November Board meeting: The next Board meeting is scheduled for November 12th. Since it is deer season we will meet at 11 AM. Dagen mentioned that we should hold it at the Black Bear Grill in Karlstad.

Resolutions: Olson read off the resolutions and was voted upon by board members.

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

Justin Dagen, Secretary