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**Minutes of the Meeting of
Kittson Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors**

Held on October 15th, 2012 at 7:15 AM

The Board of Supervisors of the Kittson Soil & Water Conservation District held its regular scheduled meeting on Monday October 15th, 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 Technician, Brian Krippner; District Coordinator, Jamie Ingeman; Program Analyst, James Schwab and Technician, Mark Larson. Missing was Darren Carlson, District Manager.

The minutes of the September 17th, 2012 meeting were approved, upon a motion by Dagen, seconded by Peterson and unanimous vote of the supervisors.

Upon a motion by Peterson, seconded by Dagen the bills were approved for payment as presented in the amount of \$43,429.56. Check numbers 3552-3575.

Jamie Ingeman gave the District Coordinator report as follows:

Ag BMP Loans- Ag BMP loans were approved for Gillie Grain for a Wil-Rich cultivator and Auto Steer system for Rogator. Total requested was \$56,450 after trade in. Motion for Ag BMP Loan for Gillie Grain was made by Dagen and seconded by Peterson.

Resignation of Greg Peterson: Chairman Greg Peterson submitted his resignation to the board. Motion to accept resignation made by Dagen; seconded by Wilebski.

Health Insurance: Peterson spoke to the board about the quote the SWCD received from BCBS for Health insurance. Heather met with Andrea from BCBS and discussed the different plans and presented the board with a quote. Board suggested checking with local insurance companies. They also suggested talking to the county again to see if we can get on their current plan. Jamie will look at minutes when we last spoke to the county about Insurance to see what was said.

Newsletter: Jamie spoke to the board about a newsletter being sent out in mid November, she requested articles be sent to her by November 9th for the newsletter can be in the mail before Thanksgiving.

Website: Jamie spoke to the board about updating the current website. Currently our website is hosted through the Northwest Minnesota Soil and Water Conservation District page and the page is not very user friendly. Jamie is working on finding a domain site for the SWCD to have a website on that will easier to follow.

Jim Schwab gave the NRCS Report as follows.

EQUIP and CSP: There is no Farm Bill so no money is being distributed at this time.

Month: Breast Cancer Awareness Month and National Disability Month

Darren Carlson was absent at the meeting. Jamie Ingeman presented a few topics

State Cost Share Program:

- Nathan Younggren State Cost Share payment for Shelterbelt tree planting for \$4,862.25, FY11SCS- \$2,217.12 and FY12 SCS- \$2,645.13 approved and signed by Vice Chairman Anderson

FY 2013 SWCD Program/Operations Grant Agreement:

- Board approved and Agreement was signed by Vice Chairman Anderson for FY 2013 SWCD Program/Operation Grant Agreement.

District Technician's Report (Brian Krippner)

WCA

- 5 Day Wetland Delineation Training in Little Falls- Brian spoke to the board about the workshop and explained some of the information they learned about.
- Alvin Borman Firebreak- Brian explained the DNR Forestry firebreak on his land on the Canadian Border is being handled by DNR at this time.
- Rodger Johnson Ag Banking- Brian requested an extension on this application for Rodger Johnson's Ag Banking. Dale Krystosek will be here during the November board meeting to answer any questions the board may have.
- Brian met with Dennis Diamond on his land in Hazelton 26 to inspect a potential wetland pond.

- Flood Damage Reduction Work Group at the Ross impoundment- Brian has been working in the Badger area on the Wetland Mitigation project.

CAI:

- Brian attended an Ag Inspector meeting in TRF with MNDOT on October 3rd. The main topic was how they were handling noxious weeds on property.

County Feedlot Officer:

- Brian will be attending a Statewide County Feedlot officer conference October 16th-October 18th in Willmar MN.

CLWP: Brian and Jamie attended Water Festival in Warren on September 25th and Brian attended in Fertile MN on September 26th. Area SWCD's put on the event with area 4th graders in attendance.

November Board Meeting

- Next board meeting will be held Monday November 19th at 7:15 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


