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**Minutes of the Meeting of**

**Kittson Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors**

**Held on Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 7:00 AM at the Kittson SWCD Office.**

The Board of Supervisors of the Kittson Soil & Water Conservation District held its regular scheduled meeting on October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 7:00 AM in the Kittson SWCD Office.

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

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

The minutes from the September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015 board minutes were approved upon motion by Wilebski and Seconded by H. Peterson.

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

Jim Schwab gave the NRCS report:

September is National Disability Month

EQIP Signup: Jim reported that there will be an EQIP signup November 20<sup>th</sup>, he has applications for 3 grazing and 1 pasture planning.

CSP: There will be a CSP signup after the New Year. Jim has 8 applications from last year that were not paid on.

CRP: All CRP Plans have been written and loaded, he has 5 - 20% spot checks to conduct. Jim reported that there are 25-30 Dormant seeding's.

General Signup: Jim reported that he has not received any information on the General Signup yet.

Grazing: Jim stated that Mark Hayek has grazing payments out for signatures.

Danny Weber Update: Danny is back working full time.

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 that he is investigating 2 potential WCA violations in the county. Dale Krystosek will be coming up on November 10<sup>th</sup> to do site visits.

Feedlot: Justin reported that the New Feedlot computer system is running. Justin attended a meeting in Red Lake Falls to go over the new computer system and talk about the upcoming Feedlot conference.

CAI: The Conservation Corp was in Norway Township spraying for Dalmatian Toadflax. Justin reported that it has not spread to any new areas, but the area has not become any smaller.

Other: Justin stated that he ordered the trees for the district, he ordered less trees this year. Justin reported to the board that he ordered AIS promotional items.

Jamie Osowski gave the District Coordinator/Manager report:

Ag BMP Application: Jamie reported to the board that she received an Ag BMP loan from Kevin Peterson for a new septic system. Motion was made by Dagen and seconded by H. Peterson and unanimous vote of supervisors to approve an Ag BMP Loan for Kevin Peterson.

Zoning: Jamie reported to the board the Kittson County has hired a zoning administrator to take over the County Zoning, Floodplain and Wind and Tower ordinances and the County AIS Program. Eric Christenson has asked the Kittson SWCD to help train the new employee.

Governor Dayton's Buffer Law: Motion was made by H. Peterson and Seconded by Wilebski and unanimous vote of supervisors to approve the \$35,000 for Buffer implementation and \$6,000 for the Water Quality Certification program. Discussion was also had on if the Kittson SWCD would like to go together with Roseau SWCD and hire a shared position for both counties for the Buffer program. The board discussed and would like the Kittson SWCD staff to handle the counties Buffer program.

District Technician: Sarah Gossman accepted the position as Kittson SWCD District Technician and will begin with the district on October 19<sup>th</sup>.

NACD Dues: Jamie presented an invoice to the board for the NACD Dues, upon motion by Dagen and Seconded by H. Peterson and unanimous vote of supervisors, the Kittson SWCD will pay \$500 for dues.

Area 1 Meeting: Discussion was had on Kittson SWCD hosting the next Area 1 Meeting on November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015. The meeting will include a tour of the Far North Spirits distillery. The Kittson SWCD Staff was asked to give a short presentation on the district.

Clean Water Funds- Red River Funds: The contract for the Red River of the North Watershed Reduction project is set to expire at the end of the year and there was no interest in this area slated. Board Conservationist Matt Fischer asked the board to think of an area that there might be benefit to and interest.

November Board Meeting: The November Board meeting is scheduled for November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 7AM.

Justin Dagen, Secretary

