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Minutes of the Meeting of

Kittson Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors

**Held on Wednesday September 11th, 2019 at 8:00 AM at Kittson County Courthouse
Upstairs Meeting Room**

The Board of Supervisors of the Kittson Soil and Water Conservation District held its regular scheduled meeting on Wednesday September 11th, 2019 at 8:00 AM at the Kittson County Courthouse meeting room. Members present at the meeting included: Chairman CJ Peterson, Vice Chairman Joe Wilebski, Secretary Heather Peterson, Treasurer Andrew and Public Relations Sam Anderson.

Guest present at the meeting included: Tom Miesner with St. Joseph Township. Others present at the meeting were District Manager Jamie Osowski, District Technician Justin Muller, District Technician Jeremy Benson, and NRCS District Conservationist Jim Schwab.

The minutes from the August 14th, 2019 board meeting were approved upon motion by H. Peterson and seconded by Anderson and unanimous vote of supervisors.

The treasurer's report was then presented to the board. Motion was made by Muir to approve treasurer's report as presented and seconded by H. Peterson and unanimous vote of supervisors.

New Business:

St. Joseph Township WCA: With the recommendation from the TEP the Kittson SWCD approves with conditions the St. Joseph Township No-Loss application for road repair to 350111 Street between 340111 and 350111 Ave. The SWCD in agreement with the TEP finds that the applicant has provided sufficient proof necessary to show qualifications for a No-Loss claim as required by 8420.0315 B. The conditions of the approval are as follows:

An average constructed road base width of 13 feet be followed.

The standard conditions of No-Loss according to 8420.0410 are met. The standard conditions of No-Loss according to 8420.0410 are met (8420.0410 A. appropriate erosion control measures are taken to prevent sedimentation of the wetland or of any receiving waters. 8420.0410 B. the activity does not block fish activity in a watercourse, except when done purposely to prevent movement of undesirable fish species in accordance with a recommendation from the commissioner; and 8420.0410 C. the activity is conducted in compliance with all other applicable federal, state, and local requirements, including best management practices according to the documents referenced in part 8420.0112, items L, M, and N, and water resource protection requirements established under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 103H)

The approval is valid if the applicant has the sufficient right to complete the proposed project.

Motion was made by Muir to approve the St. Joseph application upon the above conditions being met, the motion was seconded by H. Peterson and unanimous vote of supervisors.

Pictometry: Justin reported to the board that he received a phone call from Eagle View for pictometry, which is aerial photography services for the county. The staff feel that this would be a useful tool for Buffer Enforcement. Upon discussion, the Board was not in agreement with the proposal provided including the price of the service for the county. Chairman Peterson offered to call Eagle View and negotiate a 1 flight proposal. Motion was made by Wilebski and seconded by Anderson and unanimous vote of supervisors to allow Chairman Peterson to call Eagle View for another proposal

Staff Reports:

Jim gave an update on programs; he stated that Michael has been working in the Roseau office more, they are not looking at filling his position in Hallock. Jim reported that the NRCS Grazing Specialist will be coming up to Hallock to meet with 5 landowners to visit on their grazing plans for EQIP. Jim gave a reminder to those with expiring CRP that they need to have HEL plans put together on the acres expiring. Jim also stated that he is finishing up on the 20% of CRP Status reviews that need to be done on the counties CRP contracts. Jim also has grazing and CSP checkouts to work on.

Heather was absent from the meeting and had provided the board with a report, she gave the board an outline of the Farm Wellness and Financial workshop she is hoping to host in December.

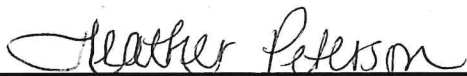
Justin gave his report, he stated that the restoration order for Wagon Wheel Ridge was sent to Tony Elwell with the DNR and will be presented when the DNR's Public Waters order is ordered. Stephanie Klamm is working on the Public Waters restoration order. Justin then reported that he received a report from Steve Klopp's consulting firm concerning the fire break. Justin will be attending a site visit with Steve and his consultant. Justin then reported to the board on the 2020 tree order form, he stated that we haven't increased our tree bundles in a few years and if we set them at \$40/bundle we can put together the tree order form and get the Fall newsletter out earlier.

Jeremy gave his report to the board, he stated that he is working with landowners for compliance with Buffers and we currently have 9 landowners signed up for Side Water Inlet alternative practices. Jeremy then reported on One Watershed One Plan, he stated that we will have our next Citizens and Technical Advisory meeting on October 24th in Lake Bronson, the Steering Team is currently working to prioritize the resource concerns for that meeting. He received a call from Bronson City in Lake Bronson for a well sealing, he has been in contact with Jon Leader for an estimate. Jeremy then presented the board with a copy of the Clean Water Fund application that was submitted to BWSR, now we just wait to see if we are accepted. Jeremy then reported that he has been working with Kris Folland for financial assistance for cover crops through the MAWQCP.

Jamie gave her report to the board, she reported to the board on the responses from MCIT and other districts, discussion was had on the MCIT recommendations, and the board is in favor of the employees using the equipment, Staff will write up a policy. Jamie reported to the board that the auditing company Peterson Company suggested reconciling our billable time, Jamie stated that she feels like this would be beneficial for the district. Motion was made by H. Peterson and Seconded by Muir and unanimous vote of supervisors to approve this extra cost on the audit. Jamie then thanked Joe, Justin and Jeremy for attending the County Board meeting to discuss the budget, it was decided that the Buffer Riparian Aid funding will stay in our office, but they will not fund the county match we requested for a project with Local Capacity funding. Discussion was had on the SWCD fair building and the board would like to see the building at least back to the way it was and better. Jamie updated the board on upcoming events including area meeting in Detroit Lakes, Harvest of Knowledge conference and Jamie's maternity leave in January. Discussion was then had on the next board meeting since it will fall during beet harvest, the board picked the next board meeting to be Wednesday November 6th, 2019 at 8 am.

Meeting was adjourned

**The next board meeting will be on Wednesday November 6th, 2019 at
8 AM in the Kittson County downstairs Meeting Room.**



Heather Peterson, Secretary



Date