

**Minutes of the Meeting of  
Kittson Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors  
Held on September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

The Board of Supervisors of the Kittson Soil & Water Conservation District held its regular scheduled meeting on Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 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; and Public Relations, Ron Anderson.  
Absent: None.

Others present at the meeting were District Manager, Darren Carlson; District Coordinator, Joanne Quiner; Program Coordinator, Shane Olson; Technician, Mark Larson and Keely Olson.

The minutes of the August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009, meeting was approved, upon a motion by Wilebski, seconded by Peterson, and unanimous vote of the supervisors.

Upon a motion by Peterson, seconded by Anderson and unanimous vote the treasurer's report was approved as presented by Quiner. Upon a motion by Peterson, seconded by Anderson, and unanimous vote, for check #2474 through #2519 for the amount of \$17,562.62 for the month of August was approved as presented by Quiner.

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

New Manager: Chairmen Klein introduced Darren Carlson as the new District Manager.

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

Rent agreement: Quiner presented the NRCS rental agreement. Upon a motion by Dagen, seconded by Wilebski, and unanimous vote, to accept the FY2010 rental agreement with NRCS for \$6,377.

Letter of resignation: Upon a motion by Dagen, seconded by Wilebski, and unanimous vote, to accept Holly Anderson's letter of resignation.

Zoning funds: Quiner mentioned that Zoning Administrator Holly Anderson has requested the remaining Zoning funds. Upon a motion by Dagen, seconded by Wilebski, and unanimous vote, to pay Zoning funds of \$10,339.03.

Bank account: Upon a motion by Dagen, seconded by Wilebski, and unanimous vote, to remove Holly Anderson's name from American Federal Bank and Marshall Bank, since she is no longer employed here at the Kittson SWCD.

BWSR: The BWSR funding agreement was sent in which is for approximately \$72,392.

Mark Larson gave the NRCS' report as follows:

CSP: Larson talked about the CSP sign-up. NRCS recently hosted two meetings on August 25<sup>th</sup>. Schwab was attending a training session in Thief River Falls and is unable to attend this board meeting.

EQIP: Larson mentioned there are 5 ring dikes approved through EQIP, however 1 landowner is not sure about doing it.

Hispanic Heritage Month: Larson said that September-October is Hispanic Heritage month.

Blake and Benson projects: Larson said the contractor has started on two streambank projects in Percy Township.

NW Water Festival: Olson contacted the schools for numbers for the September 22<sup>nd</sup> NW Water Festival in Warren and September 23<sup>rd</sup> at Rydell Refuge. Carlson and Larson will be presenters.

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

Staff meetings: Staff meetings have been held August 20<sup>th</sup> and September 2<sup>nd</sup>.

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

FY09 State Cost share: Upon a motion by Peterson, seconded by Wilebski, to pay FY08-07 for \$162.50 for State and \$81.25 for CLWP for a well sealing.

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 has been requested to attend a meeting to discuss the Ditch lawsuit in Peatland Township to stake out areas where suspected violations occurred on September 21<sup>st</sup>.

WCA Violations: Olson hasn't seen anything in the mail yet from Conservation Officer, Ben Huener about wetland violations reported by Donovan 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 1 was given to a young farmer who stopped by 1 day.

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

CAI: Olson presented the CAI budget to the Commissioner's on August 18<sup>th</sup>. He sent out two Individual notices recently.

Surveys: Quiner and Olson were out and surveyed for Ken Wiese recently and hopes to get it drawn up as soon as possible.

TSA surveys: Jim Hest was up here August 28<sup>th</sup> to do some surveying at Greenwood Cemetery, from a boat with the help of Quiner and Olson. Thanks to Klein for allowing us of the boat. Hest was also here on September 8<sup>th</sup> for construction inspection duties on the Blake project.

Matting: Olson contacted West Polk, Pennington and Norman about matting. Pennington and Norman have bought the machines for \$5,000 from Arena, ND. Norman will go up to \$0.65 per foot next year and Pennington will go up to \$0.60 per foot next year. Both would be willing to come up here and do it if we have any interest in it, but Norman said to give Pennington 1<sup>st</sup> chance. CSI Vergas, also does it and will be doing some for a landowner.

October Board meeting: The next Board meeting is scheduled for October 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 AM.

Resolutions and October meeting: Quiner dispersed the Resolutions packets for this year's convention. Olson said we will discuss them in the October meeting, which is scheduled for October 8<sup>th</sup>.

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

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Justin Dagen, Secretary