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**Minutes of the Meeting of
Kittson Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors
Held on September 17th, 2012 at 7:15 AM**

The Board of Supervisors of the Kittson Soil & Water Conservation District held its regular scheduled meeting on Monday September 17th, 2012, at the Kittson SWCD office.

Members present at the meeting included: Vice chairman, Ron Anderson; Secretary, Treasurer, Joe Wilebski and Public Relations, Heather Peterson.

Others present at the meeting were District Manager, Darren Carlson; District Coordinator Jamie Ingeman; and Program Analyst, James Schwab. Missing was Brian Krippner, District Technician.

The minutes of the August 20th, 2012 meeting were approved, upon a motion by Wilebski, seconded by Peterson and unanimous vote of the supervisors.

Upon a motion by Peterson, seconded by Wilebski the bills were approved for payment as presented in the amount of \$35,520.25 Check numbers 3527-3551.

Accounts receivable: Accounts receivable has outstanding balance of \$3947.74.

Jamie Ingeman gave the District Coordinator report as follows:

Ag BMP Loans- Ag BMP Loans were approved with a motion by Wilebski and Seconded by Peterson for Erik Lindegard for a new septic system, flood control and conservation drainage at his new home. He requested \$30,000.

QuickBooks and the NRCS Server: New laptop and printer were ordered from HP Computers for QuickBooks. New equipment should be here end of this week.

Health Insurance: Received Health Insurance quotes from Northwest Service Cooperative. Heather will sit down with Jamie and go over the numbers and we will present at October Board meeting.

Jim Schwab gave the NRCS Report as follows.

EQUIP: Three more applications have been accepted for new farmers.

PL 566: Jim spoke about the PL 566 project and informed the board that it will be built next year and there will be a public hearing late this year and bid will be sent out.

Month: Hispanic Heritage Month

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

Natural Resources Block Grant (NRBG): Darren gave report on remaining NRBG funds available with the county. SSTS has \$13,941 available and CLWP has \$10,270.

State Cost Share Program:

- Need motion and approval to cancel Mike Ratzloff's SCS contract for Side Water Inlet FY08-09C. Motion from Wilebski; Seconded by Peterson.
- Other remaining encumbered State Cost Share includes Greenwood Cemetery Streambank Stabilization FY09-14 for \$8,137.50; Kittson County Highway Dept Streambank Stabilization FY10-08 and FY11-04 for a total of \$8,399.63 (This project has been built). Joel Lindegard well sealing FY11-02 for \$315.00 and Nathan Younggren Farmstead Shelterbelt FY11-06 and FY12-01 for a total of \$4,862.25. Remaining FY 2012 funds are \$7,171.07.

Red River Set Aside Program: Need motion and approval for payments to be made for RRV Set Aside. Motion made by Wilebski; Seconded by Peterson. Payments include

- Mark Langhaug- \$570.00- Last Payment
- Wanda Undeberg- \$210.00- Last Payment
- Paul Gillie- \$405.56- Last Payment

Brian conducted a field check on Allan Grahn's piece and there were no trees present.

Darren will send letter to Allan with the original tree planting plan and SWCD tree program information. Allan still have 4 payment/years left on his contract, if Allan does not plan the trees he will not receive the payments.

FY 2011 Clean Water Funds- Lake Bronson Project:

- Bernice Kukowski CWF 2011-07=9.9 acres CWF \$6,890.00
- Mark Prosser CWF 2011-01= 11.8 acres CWF \$7,664.00
- Mark Prosser CWF 2011-02= 5.6 acres CWF \$4,326.00
- Mark Prosser CWF 2011-03= 11.0 acres CWF \$8,550.00

Motion made by Wilebski; Seconded by Peterson

FY 2013 Clean Water Fund Request:

- Lake Bronson Watershed Runoff Reduction Project- Phase III- Grant for \$200,000.
- Red River of the North Runoff Reduction Project- Phase II- Grant for \$75,000.
 - Grant requests were due by September, 14th.

PL 566/ Spring Brook Project: Had to make changes to a majority of the RIM applications and they have been sent into BWSR. Next step is to send ARC map shape files to BWSR and then start talking with Title Insurance Agency and have them draft new policies.

District Technician's Report (Brian Krippner)

Brian was absent from September board meeting, but typed up a short narrative of what he has been working on.

WCA

- CSAH 20: The permit for the County Highway Department project that is taking place on CSAH 20, south of Hwy 11 required a Technical Evaluation Panel signature. A meeting was held including Larry Puchalski and Craig Jarnot of the US Army Corps of Engineers, Mark Aanenson of Huston Engineering (Mark performed the wetland delineations), Keith Klegstad of the Highway Department, Dale Krystosek of the Board of Water and Soil Resources and Brian. Discussed was the issue of linear wetlands adjacent to uplands that were created in the road ditches. Larry P requested that the wetland delineation numbers be separated between existing wetlands and created wetland ditches. This could serve to reduce the number of affected acres of wetlands, costing less wetland mitigation credits for the project. A new wetland mitigation permit will be required and decisions will be made at the time of its submittal.
- Dean Carlson Violation: At this point in time, after reviewing the aerial photo slides from 1979, Brian feels that more information be gathered. Need Motion and Approval to hire the Two Rivers Watershed District to survey the affected area of the SW ¼ of Tegner 22 in an effort to confirm or deny that a violation has taken place. Their rate is \$40 an hour and their survey report will help to determine the affected acres by utilizing GIS software and overlaying the information gathered from the survey. Motion by Peterson; Seconded by Wilebski to hire TRWS to survey the land.

- Rodger Johnson Ag Banking: Dale Krystosek did not attend the board meeting due to the low number of board members available at the meeting. He will come back and speak when the full board is available. A decision must be made if board decides to be decision maker.

CAI:

- Purple Loose Strife: Brian has been following up on two locations of purple loosestrife and assisting landowners by providing information on noxious weed control.
- Toadflax: Brian has fielded many questions in the past few months about Dalmatian Toadflax. Recently he was approached by Leon Hopka in an effort to verify that he was identifying the plant correctly and to coordinate an increasingly complicated plan for eradication. The location of the toadflax lends itself to many variables and obstacles that limit the methods by which we can control it. Specifically, the presence of potatoes prohibits the use of certain herbicides. Also, multiple affected properties with multiple landowners and agencies can be difficult to coordinate.

County Feedlot Officer:

- WebEx Meeting: A meeting was held via the internet that discussed the construction of liquid manure storage areas. This meeting was very informative as to the role of the County Feedlot Officer during the construction of above and below ground storage areas and open pits.

District:

- Red River Run Off Reduction: Brian prepared maps that are to be sent out to landowners in St. Vincent and Hill Twp that show estimated potential grass filter strips. These maps are being sent out with letters describing the program and showing the potential payments for enrollment.
- Ross Impoundment: The Two Rivers Watershed District has hired the SWCD to monitor the vegetative cover at the Ross Impoundment wetland mitigation site in order to satisfy the US Army Corps of Engineers permit requirements. The mitigation site is in Roseau County however, Roseau SWCD has opted not to hire out their services. Brian has visited the site twice and has completed two different vegetation monitoring methods. He is currently formulating reports and will be heading back to the impoundment later this fall to conduct wetland delineation. There is a total of \$2400 or 60 hours (at \$40 an hour) allotted for this project but there are more funds available if Brian were to go over.
- Brillion Seeder Maintenance: The Brillion seeder is in need of repair and annual maintenance. Ron Baldwin has graciously opened his workshop in Humbolt for us.

Brian will be replacing some of the sand rollers and adjusting their spacing to bring them back in to specifications of the manufacturer. Also he will replace one bearing for the main drive wheel and repack the other bearing and grease all the fittings before storing the seeder for the winter.

October Board Meeting

- Next board meeting will be held Monday October 15th 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 Anderon.

Justin Dagen, Secretary


