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Minutes of the Meeting of

Kittson Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors

**Held on Wednesday September 12th, 2018 at 7:00 AM at Kittson County Courthouse
Meeting Room**

The Board of Supervisors of the Kittson Soil and Water Conservation District held its regular scheduled meeting on September 12th, 2018 at 7:00 AM at the Kittson County Courthouse meeting room. Members present at the meeting included: Chairman CJ Peterson, Vice Chairman Joe Wilebski, Secretary Heather Peterson, Public Relations Ron Anderson and Treasurer Justin Dagen. Others present at the meeting were District Manager Jamie Osowski, District Technician Jeremy Benson, District Technician Justin Muller, District Outreach Specialist Maddy Rehn and Conservation Program Manager Jim Schwab. Soil Conservationist Michael Steinhauer was absent.

The minutes from last month's meeting were presented to the board. Justin Dagen moved to approve the minutes as presented and Ron Anderson seconded. The minutes were passed unanimously.

The treasurer's report was then presented to the board. Heather Peterson motioned to approve the treasurer's report, seconded, and the report was passed unanimously.

New Business was brought up next. Maddy's resignation was discussed. Her last day will be September 26th. The board discussed finding a replacement and decided to begin advertising the position immediately. Next Jeremy gave an update on the Weberg project. The project has been completed and the payment voucher submitted.

Next Jim Schwab gave the NRCS report. Jim has a new boss stationed out of Detroit Lakes named Alan Lepp who was previously a Soil Scientist in ND. Michael has been out doing field checks recently and has visited about 400 fields. The office has had 3 CSP contracts funded and 3 EQIP contracts funded as well.

Maddy Rehn then gave her Outreach Technician report. She updated the board on the status of the rainfall simulator which has been ordered in conjunction with Red Lake County and Pennington County. She also shared with the board that she submitted the documentation for the Hapka's Outstanding Conservationist Award.

Next was Justin Muller's report. WCA resolutions needed to be updated. One was to accept WCA responsibility from the County and the other was to delegate decisions to staff. Justin Dagen moved to accept WCA responsibility from the County, Heather Peterson seconded, and the resolution passed unanimously. Heather Peterson then motioned to delegate decisions to the SWCD staff, Joe Wilebski seconded, and the resolution passed unanimously.

Justin also asked the board what they would like to do with the Brillion drill. The board decided to keep the drill for a year and then reevaluate. He also reported that he attended a County Commissioners meeting which DNR was present at, Weleski's septic project should be started this week, Leadership Training is finished, and that he, along with Jeremy and Maddy attended Dirt Rich Workshop in Red Lake Falls to learn about soil health.

Jeremy Benson then gave his District Technician's report. His update on Buffers included more staking being needed/wanted, that more producers are signing up for the seeding service through the SWCD, and that a few more cost share contracts have been completed. He then gave a 1W1P update. The TRW+ application was accepted and the planning can now begin. The first steering team meeting was conducted and went well and the first policy meeting is tentatively scheduled for November. He also reported that the Clean Water Funds grant application had been submitted.

Jamie Osowski then gave her District Manager's report. First was an update on the 2019 County Budget. The District received the match for the Neil Johnson project plus an additional partial match from BWSR. She then brought an AgBMP Loan application to the board which Joe Wilebski motioned to approve, Heather Peterson seconded, and was passed unanimously. Jamie then told the board about a few upcoming meetings including the next area meeting on November 20th in Crookston and the MASWCD Convention on December 9th-11th.

The next board meeting will be October 10th, 2018 at 7 AM in the Kittson County Courthouse Meeting Room.

 Chair *mt*
Heather Peterson, Secretary

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Date