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Minutes of the Meeting of

Kittson Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors

Held on Friday, April 11th, 2014 at 7:30 AM at the Kittson Soil and Water Conservation Office.

The Board of Supervisors of the Kittson Soil & Water Conservation District held its regular scheduled meeting on April 11th, 2014 at 7:30 AM in the Kittson Soil and Water Conservation Office.

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

Others present at the meeting were District Manager, Darren Carlson; District Technician; Brian Krippner; and District Coordinator, Jamie Osowski; and Jim Schwab; NRCS District Conservationist.

The minutes from the March 18th board meeting were approved, upon motion by Dagen and seconded by H. Peterson and unanimous vote of the supervisors.

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

Jamie Osowski gave the District Coordinator report:

Envirothon Donations: Jamie reported to the board that Envirothon will be held on April 23rd at Agassiz National Wildlife Refuge near Holt MN. Donations have been coming in from Kittson County businesses and help make the event possible. Donations are used toward the food and awards presented at the event.

Jim Schwab gave the NRCS report:

CSP: Jim reported that he has received 1 application for CSP.

EQIP: Jim reported that he is slowly getting information on EQIP but not enough information to report on. He reported that he has received 4 applications.

Grazing Systems: Jim reported that there is an increase in requests on Grazing systems; he stated that Mark Hayek will be in our office often. He stated that Mark will be here May 8th and 9th.

Technician position: Jim reported that there were 2 applications for the Technician position, but they were not hiring material, the position will not be opened to the public.

Brian Krippner gave the District Technician report:

WCA: Brian reported that the notice of decision was made on the BNSF railway project and is all squared away.

Kittson County Highway Department: Brian reported on this topic to the board and stated that he will be having a meeting at the Kittson County Highway Department on April 16th to discuss the matter further.

Embridge Delineation: Brian reported to the board that he did a delineation on this pipeline project and found that this falls under utility repair so nothing further needs to be done on this project by him.

Brian Lane: Brian reported that Brian Lane stopped in and was interested in doing a Wildlife Pond in Jupiter 22. He said the pond is now drained and he wants to plug it up for deer and ducks. Brian reported he will check on this site in the spring.

Zoning: Brian reported that the office had received 4-5 zoning applications and 2 have been fully processed. He stated that he is working on one variance. The workload is picking up.

Science Fair: Brian reported that he judged the science fair at the Kittson Central High School.

Kittson County Enterprise: Brian reported that he was interviewed by the Kittson County Enterprise on what he does at the Soil and Water Conservation.

Darren Carlson gave the District Manager report

State Cost Share: Darren spoke with the board about Steve Klopp's State Cost share application. Steve has 2 separate contracts as there are 2 locations where he will be planting trees.

SWCD Tree Program: Darren reported that we have fewer than 3000 trees available for sale and have 14 sites to plant.

SSTS: Darren reported that he has passed the SSTS installation process. He reported that he needs mentor a certified installer to finish his classes.

WRAP Meeting: Darren reported that Jim and he attended a meeting in Lake Bronson on all the information that has been collected and how it will eventually affect agriculture. The meeting did not really give much information on why yet.

Area 1 District Managers meeting: Darren reported that he attended a meeting in Ada with other district managers; discussion was had on the 1 Watershed 1 Plan. They talked about combining with Two River Watershed District to combine these plans with our Local Water Plan.

Summer Intern: Darren reported that he received 3 applications for the intern position this summer, but they were all high school students and they would not work with our tree planting schedules.

Board Member Elections: Darren reported that Area 3 and Area 4 will be up for election this year, he announced that he needs to make it a public notice. He has placed the description on the website and on the counter in the office.

Seed Vendor: Darren reported to the board that Marshall County SWCD is becoming a seed vendor and will be charging \$25/acre to plant the CRP. Discussion was had on whether this would be something that the board would like to see happen at Kittson SWCD, would like to see how it works for Marshall County first.

May Board Meeting: The May Board meeting is scheduled for May 9th, 2014 at 7:30 AM.

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned.

Justin Dagen, Secretary


