Minutes of the Meeting of
Kittson Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors
Held on August 12th, 2010

The Board of Supervisors of the Kittson Soil & Water Conservation District held its regular scheduled meeting on Thursday, August 12th, 2010, at the Kittson SWCD office located in Hallock, Minnesota.

Members present at the meeting included Vice Chairman, Greg Peterson; Secretary, Justin Dagen; and Public Relations, Ron Anderson. Absent: Chairman, Scott Klein and Treasurer, Joe Wilebski.

Others present at the meeting were District Manager, Darren Carlson; District Coordinator, Joanne Quiner; Program Coordinator, Shane Olson; Program Analyst, James Schwab; Technician, Mark Larson; and Dan Money, Two Rivers Watershed District Administrator.

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Peterson.

The minutes of the July 13th, 2010, meeting was approved, upon a motion by Dagen, seconded by Anderson, and unanimous vote of the supervisors.

Native Buffer funds: Olson he hasn’t wrote up the minutes for the special meeting for TNC to receive the $12,000 of Native Buffer Cost Share funds. He said he would get notes from Klein and have them prepared for approval next board meeting.

Upon a motion by Dagen, seconded by Anderson and unanimous vote the treasurer’s report was approved as presented by Quiner. Upon a motion by Dagen, seconded by Anderson, and unanimous vote, for check #2862 through #2878 for the amount of $9,032.17 for the month of July was approved as presented by Quiner.
Accounts receivable: Quiner reported that there are no accounts receivable for 2009.

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

Audit: Quiner said James Maiser was here for the Audit on July 27th. One of the things he pointed out is to have at least two signatures on checks.

DNR Ob-well agreements: Quiner said she received a check from the Minnesota Department of Revenue for $90 and it was not listed as of what it was for. Olson said it is payment for the DNR for the Ob-well that was monitored in 2009, as Anderson did not check it the last couple times before she resigned in 2009.

Available Funds: The balances listed below are as of May 31st, unless otherwise noted: LWMP, $5,921 County, $4,169.65 SWCD; CLMP Dedicated Fund $44,160; WCA, $13,737 County, $1,972.78 SWCD; Shoreland, $1,516 County, $465.59 SWCD; Feedlot, $7,500 County, $868.28 SWCD; SSTS, $5,051 County, $4,520 SWCD; and Beaver $200.

Dan Money gave the Two Rivers Watershed District report as follows:

PL-566: Money said the Two Rivers Watershed District (TRWD) had Jeff Hane re-write the resolution as the Two Rivers being the main sponsor of the PL-566 project. Signatures are needed from the chairman and secretary from the District Board. Upon a motion by Dagen, seconded by Anderson, and unanimous vote, to accept the resolution for the Springbrook PL-566 project.

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

Clean Water Funds: Carlson attended the Clean Water Fund request for proposal training in Thief River Falls on July 26th. He says the application deadline is September 10th. It is a competitive application and there is $12 million available for 2011. Carlson contacted the TRWD about possible projects. A couple projects talked about were culvert sizing in Richardville Township; streambank stabilization projects on the South Branch of the Two Rivers; and grass buffer/filter strips on State Ditch 91 & 95 to benefit the sedimentation and algae bloom in Lake Bronson.

2011 Annual Budget: Carlson said August 3rd, Olson met with the Kittson County Commissioner's for the 2011 County Ag Inspecting budget. Carlson says they will meet with the Kittson County Commissioners on August 17th. Upon a motion by Anderson, seconded by Dagen, and unanimous vote, to ask the Kittson County Commissioners for a 3 percent increase for 2011.
2011 BWSR Base Grant: Carlson stated the BWSR Base Grant decreased by $4,132 from 2010 to 2011. Upon a motion by Dagen, seconded by Anderson, and unanimous vote, to accept the 2011 BWSR Base Grant and it was signed by Vice Chairman Peterson.

Administrator’s meeting: Carlson attended an Administrator’s meeting August 5th.

County Local Water Plan (CLWP): Carlson said BWSR approved the Kittson County Water Plan on May 26th and during the County Commissioners meeting on August 17th, they will approve the County Local Water Plan.

Plotmaster: Carlson contacted Pat McMullen with the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation. They take grant applications for a 1:1 match for wildlife projects. Carlson will fill out their grant application paperwork. Carlson will also talk to Kelly Turgeon to see if the Minnesota Deer Hunters Association would be interested in any help with funding.

James Schwab gave the NRCS Program Analyst’s report as follows:

CSP: Schwab mentioned there were 13 applications submitted and so far 2 applications have been approved for funding.

CRP: Schwab said USDA announced a CRP sign-up August 16th.

Plant materials tour: The annual Area I plant materials tour will take place August 31st at Glacial Ridge near Mentor. Schwab, Larson, Olson and Carlson will be attending.

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

Staff meeting: Staff meetings were held on July 13th and August 10th.

State Cost Share: Olson presented cost share applications for FY08-09B, FY09-12 and FY09-13. Upon a motion by Dagen, seconded by Anderson, to make payment for FY08-09B for treere matting installation for Mike Ratzlaff for $1,000; for FY09-12 for a well sealing for Kathryn Rynning for $875.00 for state cost share and $437.50 for CLWP; and for FY09-13 for a well sealing for John Koskela for $887.50 for state cost share and $443.25 for CLWP. Upon a motion by Anderson, seconded by Dagen, to encumber FY10-01 for a well sealing for Roger Thompson for $550.00.

WCA Violations: Olson said he sent out the restoration order for Don Lund’s violation to DNR Enforcement’s Jeremy Woinarowicz.
WCA TEP: Olson requested COE and Bill Best to provide possible dates to meet for a technical evaluation panel (TEP) for Dagen.

AgBMP: Olson said there is not enough AgBMP funds re-paid at this time. The current application order is as follows: Sevrin Anderson, Todd Sorensen and Joel Lindegard through Ag Country Farm Credit Services.

RIM: Olson sent mapping of each of the RIM easements to Tim Fredbo of BWSR. Deeds are currently being mailed back and forth to BWSR with landowner signatures on them.

MACFO Conference: Olson said the Minnesota Association of County Feedlot Officers (MACFO) conference will be held in October in New Ulm.

MACFO site visits: Olson said as required by MPCA, he will perform two sites visits in the near future. He said he spoke to Mark Langehaug about visiting his feedlot.

CAI: Olson said he had sent out over 30 weed letters. However, he said he is not sure of the exact number, but heard that over 100 contracts were signed up for haying and grazing.

Newsletter: Olson said the newsletter is currently at the printers.

Greenwood Cemetery: Olson said he submitted report to BWSR for expenditures for the Greenwood Cemetery grant funds. Total expenditures for the Cemetery Association, meetings held and so forth was $35,595.60. Severts says it is a 1:1 match, so the Cemetery Association will receive $17,797.80 and $7,202.20 will need to be sent back to BWSR. Quiner stated a CD will expire on August 20th. Upon a motion by Dagen, seconded by Anderson, and a unanimous vote, to table it to the next meeting.

September Board meeting: The next scheduled Board meeting is September 9th.

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

Justin Dagen, Secretary