

**Minutes of the Meeting of
Kittson Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors
Held on February 11th, 2010**

The Board of Supervisors of the Kittson Soil & Water Conservation District held its regular scheduled meeting on Thursday, February 11th, 2010, at the Kittson County Farm Service Agency meeting room located in Hallock, Minnesota.

Members present at the meeting included Chairman, Scott Klein; Vice Chairman, Greg Peterson; Secretary, Justin Dagen; 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; Program Analyst, James Schwab and Conservation Technician, Mark Larson.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Klein.

The minutes of the January 14th, 2010, meeting was approved, upon a motion by Wilebski, seconded by Dagen, and unanimous vote of the supervisors.

Upon a motion by Dagen, seconded by Peterson and unanimous vote the treasurer's report was approved as presented by Quiner. Upon a motion by Dagen, seconded by Peterson, and unanimous vote, for check #2674 through #2694 for the amount of \$14,591.01 for the month of January was approved as presented by Quiner.

Accounts receivable 2009: Quiner reported that there are \$20 accounts receivable from 2009.

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

MCIT: Quiner said she contacted MCIT about her fall outside of the courthouse to try to get the claim put on the county's insurance claim and not on the SWCD's policy.

Available Funds: The balances listed below are as of January 31st, unless otherwise noted: LWMP, \$0 County, \$3,479.02 SWCD; CLWP Dedicated Fund \$44,160; WCA, \$0 County, \$807.52 SWCD; Shoreland, \$0 County, (\$606.95) SWCD; Feedlot, \$0 County, \$3,562.61 SWCD; SSTS, \$0 County, \$0 SWCD; and Beaver \$0.

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

Annual Report and Work Plan: The SWCD must have Year-End Reporting items posted on the SWCD website link by March 15th, including the 2009 Annual Report, the 2010 Annual Work Plan, the most recent audit, the previous twelve months of meeting minutes and the SWCD website link needs to be up to date.

Administrators Meeting: Carlson attended the Courthouse Administrator's meeting on February 4th.

SSTS: Carlson attended an SSTS meeting in Erskine on January 28, 2010. SSTS needs new rules for septic system regulations. Counties are required to adopt the resolution by June 30, 2010. Some counties such as Polk, Red Lake, Roseau and Lake of the Woods are opposing the rules due to it is unacceptable to adopt MPCA rules by "reference" when the rules have not been finalized. Counties not updating their ordinances could jeopardize future funding. Carlson met with the Kittson County Board of Commissioner's about an SSTS meeting on February 2, 2010. They would like to update our ordinance to stay in compliance. The SWCD Board asked that Carlson send them the current ordinance in the mail and review it before next month's meeting.

Wind tower: Carlson attended the Zoning Committee Meeting February 1, 2010 discussing zoning for towers and wind turbines.

Beaver: Carlson says he spoke with BWSR Board Conservationist Chad Severts and told him that it's in the January minutes for approval of \$5,000 for beaver program. Carlson requested \$5,000 from the county for the program.

Clean Water Legacy grant: Carlson says we were denied of Clean Water Legacy Grant funding. BWSR received over 200 applications requesting in excess of \$44 million. BWSR competitive grant period will hopefully be here again this fall.

Miller-Coors grant: Carlson applied for a grant for a well inventory through Millers-Coors. Olson also applied for a restroom facility and removing outdoor toilets at the wayside rest in Lake Bronson.

CSP: Al Gustafson will be here on February 17, 2010 to go over Certified Conservation Planner requirements, in case there is opportunities in the future for CSP funding. Carlson performed those duties in Dakota County.

Rural Preserves: The Rural Preserves Property Tax Program teleconference will be held on February 19, 2010. The 2009 MN Legislature created this program. This program provides tax relief for preserving undeveloped class 2b rural vacant lands that may be subject to a higher valuation for development or recreational purposes. Eligibility for the program will be determined by the County Assessor's office. SWCDs are required to write the Conservation Management Plans (CMP). A fee will be put in place for this service.

Floodplain: Carlson will attend DNR Floodplain Regulations Meeting in Thief River Falls on February 24, 2010.

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

MOU: Schwab reminded everyone of the NRCS/SWCD memorandum of understanding.

CRP: Schwab says there are 60 CRP contracts expiring in 2010 and there is the possibility of them being re-enrolled through contracted CSP's.

CP18: Schwab says there will be a greater possibility to enroll acreage in the CP18 Saline practice, as they have dropped the EM38 readings from 8 to 4 for eligibility for the CP18 practice.

EQIP: Schwab said the sign-up is currently being held from February 1-28th.

President's Day: Schwab said the office will be closed February 15th for President's Day.

Black History month: Schwab said February is Black History month.

Arc GIS: Carlson and Schwab attended Arc GIS Training January 19-20th. Olson and Larson previously attended January 11-12th.

Crop Improvement Day: Larson manned the Crop Improvement Day booth on January 21st. Certificates for 5 potted evergreens were given away at the end of the day.

Grazing workshop: Larson attended the grazing workshop held January 19-20th in Staples.

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

Staff meeting: Staff meetings were held on January 14th and February 7th.

AgBMP 2010 application and annual report: The 2009 report and 2010 application were submitted before the February 5th deadline.

AgBMP: Upon a motion by Wilebski, seconded by Peterson and unanimous vote to fund DJ-10's conservation tillage loan application for \$50,000. The current application order is as follows: EL-10, SA-10, WM-10 and DMC-10 all through Farm Credit Services.

RIM: Olson still has to complete some mapping of each RIM easement for BWSR.

Newsletter: Olson says the newsletter was recently sent out. It included a tree order forms and order have been coming in steady ever since.

WCA Violations: Restoration orders were prepared for CO Ben Huener for the CD23 wetland violation and the Johnson violation.

Feedlot: Olson will attend the quarterly MPCA training on February 17th in Detroit Lakes. There is new feedlot officer training scheduled sometime in march in Mankato.

Feedlot Annual report: Olson completed the 2009 annual report and the 2010 work plan for MPCA.

Feedlot review: Olson had a phone review with MPCA's Mike Sharp on January 19th. Olson said the only things that Sharp commented on were; to get re-registration receipts sent out to registered feedlots and that a manure form should have been filled out with one of his feedlot inspections, which Olson was both unaware of.

eLINK: Olson is currently updated on eLINK entries.

Envirothon: Olson said funding requests were sent out to businesses and organizations recently. Upon a motion by Dagen, seconded by Peterson and unanimous vote to donate \$100 to the Envirothon from CLWP. Olson requested 250 bags of potato chips from Dagen.

MDHA: Olson said MDHA asked if we would donate a tree certificate again this year as we have in the past. Upon a motion by Dagen,

seconded by Peterson and unanimous vote to give MDHA a \$25 gift certificate for trees.

Tree Open House: Olson said we will hold a tree open house, on February 25th.

Greenwood Cemetery: Olson submitted a quarterly Greenwood Cemetery grant update to BWSR.

March Board meeting: The next Board meeting is scheduled for March 11th.

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

Justin Dagen, Secretary