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Minutes of the Meeting of

Kittson Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors

**Held on Friday, February 13th, 2015 at 9:00 AM at the Kittson County Courthouse
Upstairs meeting room.**

The Board of Supervisors of the Kittson Soil & Water Conservation District held its regular scheduled meeting on February 13th, 2015 at 9:00 AM in the Kittson County Courthouse Meeting Room.

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 Coordinator, Jamie Osowski, District Technician Justin Muller. NRCS District Conservationist; Jim Schwab and District Technician Jacob Swaney.

The minutes from the January 16th, 2015 Board meeting were approved upon motion by Dagen and Seconded by Wilebski and unanimous vote of supervisors.

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

Justin Muller gave the District Technician Report

WCA: Justin reported that he is working on a wildlife pond with a landowner, he is currently working with the Army Corp.

CAI: Justin stated he will be attending initial CAI training in St. Cloud on February 17th and 18th.

Other: Justin spoke to the board about his role in Envirothon this year, he stated he will be with the soils group.

Jamie Osowski gave the District Coordinator report:

Area 1 Dues: Jamie reported to the board that Area 1 MASWCD dues were due for the amount of \$150.00. Motion was made by Dagen and seconded by H. Peterson and unanimous vote of supervisors to pay the \$150.00 dues.

CAI Dues: Darren mentioned he received an email the morning of the meeting for CAI Dues that are due for the amount of \$75.00. Motion was made by Dagen and Seconded by Anderson and unanimous vote of supervisors to pay the \$75.00 dues.

Envirothon: Jamie spoke to the board about 2015 Envirothon, she reported that donation letters were sent out and registrations have been sent to the schools. Jacob, Darren, Justin and Jamie will be attending.

Per Diem: Discussion was had at the at January board meeting about Per Diem rates, the discussion was tabled for the staff could look up a resolution from the Convention which did not pass. Wilebski made a motion to make all supervisors Per Diem \$75. Motion died for a lack of a second. Motion was made by Anderson and seconded by Dagen and unanimous vote of supervisors to leave the Per Diem at \$75 for chairman and \$65 for all other members.

Arbor Day Trees: Jamie spoke to the board about Arbor Trees, currently we are giving trees to the 4th-6th graders. Jamie had spoken with other districts to see what grades they give trees too and the majority of the districts gave to Kindergarten only. This year, the district will give to grades K-3rd grade so no students miss out on trees and next year trees will be given to Kindergarten with a small presentation.

Commissioners Tour: Darren and Jamie spoke to the board about having a commissioner's tour in June. Further discussion will be had at next board meeting on a schedule of events.

Rural Beautification Program: Darren spoke to the board about having a Rural Beautification program for the county. Other districts that do this type of program have a board member each year nominate one landowner that has a farmstead with trees and flowers and the SWCD will recognize them in the Newsletter and local newspapers. Further discussion will be had on the program and what each landowner would receive as an award.

Jim Schwab and Jacob Swaney gave the NRCS report:

February is Black History Month

Jim discussed the Memorandum of Understanding with the Board Members on NRCS Vehicle and computer usage.

CSP: Jim reported that the CSP deadline goes through February 27th and he has received 5 applications.

EQIP: There is 1 EQIP grazing application and 4 cover crop applications. Jim also explained what they learned at their EQIP training in January.

CRP: There will be 96 CRP contracts expiring on September 30th. 29 continuous and 67 General. Jim will be doing the CP23A eligibility.

Danny Weber: Danny is still in ICU

Jacob gave an update on the office maintenance he has been working on and spoke to the board about the Grazing Workshop he attended.

Darren Carlson gave the District Manager report

Well Sealing's: Discussion was had on funding for Well Sealing's. Motion was made by Dagen to Cost share 100% of a well sealing, not to exceed \$1000. Motion was seconded by H. Peterson and unanimous vote of supervisors.

DNR Shoreland and Buffers: Discussion was had on the compliance with 50 foot setback requirements in all DNR Shoreland water courses.

Zoning: Darren spoke to the board about the tower ordinance meeting that will be held on February 23rd at 2 PM.

Open House: The Kittson Soil and Water Conservation Rain gauge appreciation and tree open house was held following the February board meeting.

March 2015 Board Meeting: The March board meeting is scheduled for March 13th, 2015 at 8AM.

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned upon motion by Dagen and Seconded by H. Peterson and unanimous vote of supervisors.

Justin Dagen, Secretary

Heather Peterson, V Pres
