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Minutes of the Meeting of

Kittson Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors

**Held on Friday, January 16th, 2015 at 8:00 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 January 16th, 2015 at 8:00 AM in the Kittson Soil and Water Conservation Office.

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

Others present at the meeting were District Manager, Darren Carlson; District Coordinator, Jamie Osowski, District Technician Justin Muller. Absent were NRCS District Conservationist; Jim Schwab and District Technician Jacob Swaney.

Organizational Meeting: District Manager Darren Carlson opened the organizational meeting. Carlson opened the floor for a nomination for the 2015 Chairman.

District Chairman: Upon nomination by Dagen and seconded by H. Peterson, to name C.J Peterson, Chairman, by a unanimous vote.

District Vice Chairman: Upon nomination by Dagen and seconded by Wilebski, to name Heather Peterson, Vice Chairwoman, by unanimous vote. Carlson turned the meeting over to Vice Chairwoman Peterson.

District Treasurer: Upon nomination by Anderson and seconded by Dagen, to name Joe Wilebski, Treasurer, by unanimous vote.

District Secretary: Upon nomination by Anderson and seconded by Wilebski, to name Justin Dagen, Secretary, by unanimous vote.

District Public Relations: Upon nomination by Wilebski and seconded by Dagen, to name Ron Anderson, Public Relations, by unanimous vote.

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairwoman Peterson.

The minutes from the December 12th, 2014 Board meeting were approved upon motion by Dagen and Seconded by Wilebski and unanimous vote of supervisors.

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

Jamie Osowski gave the District Coordinator report:

IRS Mileage: IRS Mileage: Jamie presented to the board that the current mileage rate by the IRS is .575 cents. Motion was made by Wilebski and Seconded by Dagen to approve the 2015 mileage rates.

Official Banks: Jamie presented to the board that the official bank of the Kittson SWCD is American Federal Bank in Hallock. Motion was made by Dagen and Seconded by Wilebski to keep the Official bank the same.

Per Diem for supervisors: Jamie presented to the board that the current Per Diem rates are \$75 for Chairman and \$65 for supervisors. Discussion was had amongst the board on increasing all members for \$75. Motion was tabled until February Board meeting so staff can check on resolution and with other counties.

MASWCD Dues: Jamie presented to the board that the MASWCD dues have gone up from \$1966.50 to \$2248.70. Motion was made by Dagen and seconded by Anderson and unanimous vote of supervisors to pay the dues.

Reporting: Jamie reported to the board that she will be working on reporting for year end, MCIT, PERA and AgBMP.

Jim Schwab and Jacob Swaney were at a training. Darren Carlson gave the NRCS Report

EQIP Training: Jim and Jacob are attending training in Walker for EQIP and will have a complete update on the program at the February Meeting.

EQIP: The EQIP scoring and funding will be in March and April.

CSP and CRP: No Updates at this time

Danny Weber: Darren gave an update on Danny Weber's health issues.

Justin Muller gave the District Technician Report

WCA: Justin reported that he has been working on the year end reporting for WCA.

BASF: He has a TEP meeting on BASF wetland bank credits at Northstar Agri.

John Finney: John Finney is looking into doing Ag Banking credits on one acre.

Feedlot: Justin reported that he has been doing his year-end reporting for Feedlot and Molly Costin will be up Tuesday to meet with him.

CAI Justin reported that he is working on a report of what has been done over 2014.

Crop Improvement: Justin reported that he is working on the board for Crop Improvement Day and will be including Zoning, AIS, and Rain Gauge information.

Dan Money stopped by and explained the Big Swamp Project to the board.

Darren Carlson gave the District Manager report

SWCD Tree Program: Darren reported to the board that there are over 6,000 trees available and 11 tree plantings planned for 2015.

Year End Reporting: Darren reported to the board that his E-link reporting for 25 active grants in 2014 are due on February 1st. Darren needs a motion and approval for the close out the 2014 grants for the Easement Grant and Conservation Delivery Grant. Motion was made by Wilebski and Seconded by Dagen and unanimous vote of supervisors to approve the close out of the 2014 grants.

Well Sealings: Discussion was had on cost sharing on Well Sealing's. Darren will present a plan at the February Board Meeting showing the procedure on how to run a new Well Sealing cost share assistance program.

CWF FY2012 Filter Strips: Darren reported that he needs a motion and approval for Carter Novacek's 2 CWF Filter Strip contracts in Roseau County. Contract # FY2012-04 in Polonia 1 for \$8,436.00 and Contract# FY2012-06 in Polonia 27 for \$2,982.00. Motion was made by Dagen and Seconded by Welebski and unanimous vote of supervisors to encumber the CWF contracts totaling 11,418.00.

Zoning: Darren reported to the board about zoning and presented the board with the 2014 Zoning ledger. Darren also reported that he has been working on Floodplain maps for Barb O'Hara.

RIM: Darren reported that the RIM/Springbrook project is almost completely done with payments.

The Nature Conservancy: Darren reported at the December Board meeting about the TNC approaching the SWCD to be a fiscal agent for one of their grants. Darren spoke with the TNC to ask some questions on the grant and was told that the project will not be going forward anymore.

AIS: Darren reported to the board that he will be attending an informational Aquatic Invasive Species meeting in St. Cloud January 20th and 21st to find out about reporting and funding.

February 2015 Board Meeting: The February Board meeting is scheduled for February 13th, 2015 at 9:00 AM with the Kittson SWCD Open house to follow.

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

Justin Dagen, Secretary


