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Minutes of the Meeting of

Kittson Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors

**Held on Friday, June 13th, 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 June 13th, 2014 at 7:30 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 Technician; Brian Krippner; and District Coordinator, Jamie Osowski. Absent was Jim Schwab; NRCS District Conservationist.

The minutes from the May 9th board meeting were approved, upon motion by Wilebski and seconded by Anderson and unanimous vote of the 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:

State Envirothon: Jamie reported to the board that she attended State Envirothon at Collegeville MN on May 19th. She assisted with the oral presentations.

Arbor Day: Jamie reported to the board that she visited the county schools and disbursed Arbor day trees to 240 students.

Pickup Decals: Jamie presented pictures of the new decals on the pickups.

Jim Schwab was absent for the June Board meeting. Jamie presented his report

June is Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Pride Month

CRP: Continuous CRP signup started on June 9th. No General CRP signup this year. FSA has 87 expiring contracts. Rule updates were discussed, 21 of the 87 contracts will be getting an extension, the remaining 66 contracts, Jim will be running the eligibility for continuous CRP.

Cropping history is now 2008 to 2013 for all new applications.

Will not be requesting cover seeding extension until close to the June 30th deadline.

Reminder on cropping expired CRP acres, check if the land is HEL or not, if is HEL a conservation plan is needed.

CSP: No applications were funded this year.

EQIP: One EQIP application was funded in the first application and ranking period. We are now in the 2nd application and ranking period.

Grazing Systems: Mark Hayek is taking care of the grazing contracts.

Technician position: Tech job has not been reopened as of yet, Jim is not sure to when it will opened again.

Brian Krippner gave the District Technician report:

WCA-George Hanson and Dennis Anderson Stock Ponds: These landowners wanted to push their stock ponds in, Brian inspected and found that they are able to go ahead with this.

KCHD Culvert Replacement: The County is looking at replacing culverts on County Road 56, there would be a wetland impact. Brian did a small check with the Army Corp and put together a short form notice.

Tim Wilwand and Jon Langen Site Visits: Brian went with the DNR and Army Corp to do a site inspection on these sites. These applications were submitted online and they showed they would be taking care of the spoils.

Wetland Banking site visits: Ryan Heinen from BWSR came up and performed 3 site visits with Brian at the Chris Swenson, Rodger Johnson and Brian Lane sites. Brian reported that of the 3 sites, Chris Swenson's is expiring CRP.

Feedlots: Brian reported that he had done a manure pit investigation in Lancaster as requested by the MPCA. Brian inspected the site and found that the manure pit was full, but not over topping.

County Ag Inspector:

Dalmatian Toadflax: Brian reported that he will be having a treatment day in the coming weeks; the acres have doubled so he will be getting a crew from conservation corps.

Pesticide Applicators testing: Brian reported that there have been a couple people in to take the tests, but less than last year.

Darren Carlson gave the District Manager report

Natural Resources Block Grant (NRBG): Darren reported to the board that the FY 13 funds have been encumbered and the E-Link reports and posted on our website by June 30th. Darren also reported that he requested funds from the County for FY '14.

SWCD Tree Program: Darren reported to the board the completed tree plantings and which plans we still have to plant. We have approximately 1500 trees left in inventory. There has been an extension from NRCS for plantings to June 15, 2014.

Kurt Amundson tree planting: Kurt would like to do an assignment of payment and have his payment assigned to us from FSA. Discussion was had on this payment option and motion was made by Dagen and Seconded by Anderson and unanimous vote of supervisors to approve this payment option by Kurt Amundson.

Mike Ratzlaff Tractor Rental: Darren reported to the board that we used Mike Ratzlaff's tractor to plant Kurt Amundson's grass seed with the Brillion and his trees for a total of 10 hours. Darren asked how the board would like to handle this. Darren suggested free advertisement in the newsletter. Justin suggested waiting to hear from Mike and see if he sends us a bill.

Brillion Rental: Darren reported that there have been 4 users that have used the drill for a total of 38.1 acres. There are 14 users that are scheduled to use the drill for a total of 600 acres.

Leadership Training: Darren handed out an agenda to the board about MASWCD Leadership Training which costs \$2800, he recommended that Jamie attends the training which runs for a year in different locations in Minnesota. Upon motion by Wilebski and Seconded by Dagen and unanimous vote of supervisors to approve Jamie to attend the training.

PL566/RIM Project: Darren gave a report to the board on the completed and pending contracts for the PL566/RIM project and attached a flow chart for those pending contracts.

State Cost Share: Darren reported to that board that Bruce Gunderson will not be doing any more well sealing's since his recent health issues. The county is in need of another well sealer and those that had well sealing estimates already will need to have those estimates done by the well sealer.

Darren reported to the board that we can only use 50% from cost share on well sealings and the remaining 25% match from county levy match. We will set aside \$2972 for the well sealing county levy.

State Cost Share FY11 Closeout: Darren reported that money from the FY 11 State Cost Share funds need to be sent back to the state. Upon Motion by Dagen and Seconded by Anderson and unanimous vote from supervisors, \$3,810.29 will be sent back to the state from the FY 11 funds.

DNR OB Well Monitoring: Darren reported to the board that he has completed the work for the previous year's work (July 1st, 2013-June 30th, 2014) and needs a signature for next year's work to begin July 1st, 2014- June 30th, 2015). Motion was made by Dagen and Seconded by Anderson and unanimous vote by supervisors to sign and continue checking the DNR OB Well monthly.

Department Administrators meeting: Darren reported that he attended a Administrators meeting on June 5th and discussion was had on the Canola plant expanding by 40% and the GIS system is up and running in Kittson County.

Area 1 Meeting: The next Area 1 Meeting will be held on Wednesday July 9th in Bejou MN, asked if any board members would be interested in attending and Joe stated he would like to attend this meeting. Darren reported that he and Jim are working on the resolution for NRCS and Darren will email the information out when he has it completed.

July Board Meeting: The July Board meeting is scheduled for July 11th, 2014 at 7:00 AM.

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

Justin Dagen, Secretary

