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Minutes of the Meeting of

Kittson Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors

Held on Friday, June 12th, 2015 at 8:00 AM at the Nordhem in Karlstad.

The Board of Supervisors of the Kittson Soil & Water Conservation District held its regular scheduled meeting on June 12th, 2015 at 8:00 AM at The Nordhem in Karlstad, MN.

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

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

The minutes from the May 15th, 2015 Board minutes were approved upon motion by Wilebski and Seconded by Dagen and unanimous vote of supervisors.

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

Jamie Osowski gave the District Coordinator report:

Apparel: Jamie stated that Universal Screenprint was having a special on t-shirts for the month and the staff were thinking that would be a nice promotional item to give away with tree orders or at Area meetings.

Ag BMP Update: Jamie reported to the board effective August 1st, 2015, the AgBMP loan limits will increase to \$200,000. Motion was made by Dagen and seconded by Wilebski and unanimous vote of supervisors to allow the limit to apply to Kittson County Loan Applications.

Outstanding Conservationist: Kittson SWCD staff wrote short write ups about 3 nominees in Kittson County for Outstanding Conservationist, Motion was made by Dagen and Seconded by Wilebski and unanimous vote of supervisors to award Kris and Bethany Folland for Kittson Counties 2015 Outstanding Conservationist.

Kittson County Beautification Award: Kittson SWCD Staff wrote short write ups about 2 nominees for Rural Beautification, Motion was made by Anderson and Seconded by Dagen and unanimous vote of supervisors to award Merle and Marlys Nelson of Teien Township with the award for Rural Beautification for Kittson County.

Jim Schwab and Jacob Swaney gave the NRCS report:

CSP and EQIP: Third round of EQIP funding, Kittson County had 3 applications funded. No CSP was funded.

Danny Weber: Jim reported that Danny Weber is recovering at home and is unsure when he will be back to work.

CRP Update: Jim reported that Jacob and he will be doing CRP field checks next week. 50 Continuous CRP field checks and plans need to be written. Jim also reported that there will be a general CRP signup from December to February for 800,000 acres. Also reported that an extension for CRP Planting is unknown at this time, all the documentation has been sent in, just waiting to hear more on it.

Justin Muller gave the District Technician Report

Feedlot: Justin reported that he attended Feedlot training on June 9th through June 11th in St. Cloud on the new computer software for registrations and inspections.

CAI: Justin reported that he has been administering pesticide applicator exams and that noxious weed reports will start coming in.

WCA: Justin reported that he is working on an Ag Banking project and that he attended an Ag Banking training in St. Paul on May 27th.

Other: Justin reported that he attended the last part of soils training with NRCS on June 3rd and 4th.

Darren Carlson gave the District Manager report

Trees: Darren reported that there are still 1000 trees left and 4 tree plantings remaining.

Brillion Drill: Darren reported that the drill has been moving around Kittson, Marshall and Roseau County.

Zoning: Darren reported that he held 2 variance meetings on June 2nd for 2 landowners. Discussion was also had on the topic of needing a building permit for tiling pumps.

Conservation tour: Darren reported that the Conservation tour will be held on June 16th starting at 11:30, discussion was had on the sites.

Area 1 meeting: Darren reported that the next Area 1 Meeting will be held on June 23rd in Bejou MN.

Legislative Update: Darren reported that there has not been a legislative update yet.

Clean Water Funds:

FY '12 Funds

Applicant	County	Twp.	Section (s)	Acres	CWF \$
Mark Stephens (FY2012-07)	Roseau	Deer	29	11	\$13,406.00
Mark Stephens (FY2012-09)	Roseau	Deer	31	1.88	\$2,163.00
Mark Stephens (FY2012-10)	Roseau	Deer	20	7.55	\$9,259.00
Earl Feucht (FY2012-11)	Roseau	Nereson	6	17.08	\$21,990.00
Earl Feucht (FY2012-12)	Roseau	Nereson	18	6.96	\$7,903.00

Motion made by Dagen and Seconded by Wilebski and unanimous vote of supervisors to approve 2012 Clean Water Fund contracts.

FY '13 Funds

Applicant	County	Twp.	Section (s)	Acres	CWF \$
Earl Feucht (FY2013-01)	Roseau	Nereson	18	6.96	\$1,309.00
Earl Feucht (FY2013-02)	Roseau	Hereim	23 & 27	6.07	\$7,024.00
Earl Feucht (FY2013-03)	Roseau	Barto	11	7.31	\$8,414.00
Earl Feucht (FY2013-04)	Roseau	Barto	11	7.46	\$8,588.00
Earl Feucht (FY2013-05)	Roseau	Barto	26	7.53	\$8,815.00
Mark Stephens (FY2013-06)	Roseau	Deer	29	0.86	\$1,128.00

Motion made by Dagen and seconded by Wilebski and unanimous vote of supervisors to approve 2013 Clean Water Fund Contacts.

Employee Raises: Special personnel meeting was held following the May 2015 Board meeting and motion was made by Anderson and seconded by Wilebski and unanimous vote of supervisors to approve a \$0.50 raise for Justin Muller and Jamie Osowski beginning on July 13th.

July 2015 Board Meeting: The July board meeting is scheduled for July 10th, 2015 at 7AM.

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

Justin Dagen, Secretary


Heather Peterson, VP
