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Minutes of the Meeting of

Kittson Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors

Held on Wednesday, June 8th, 2016 at 8:00 AM at Nordhem Café in Karlstad, MN

The Board of Supervisors of the Kittson Soil & Water Conservation District held its regular scheduled meeting on June 8th, 2016 at 8:00 AM in Nordhem Café in Karlstad MN.

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

Others present at the meeting were District Technician Justin Muller, District Technician, Sarah Gossman, District Administrator Jamie Osowski, NRCS District Conservationist; Jim Schwab and Soil Conservation Tech, Michael Steinhauer.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Peterson.

The minutes from the May 11th, 2016 Board meeting were approved upon motion by Dagen and Seconded by Wilebski and unanimous vote of supervisors to approve the May 11th, 2016 minutes. Motion was made by H. Peterson and seconded by Dagen and unanimous vote of supervisors to approve the minutes from the May 19th special board meeting.

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

Jim Schwab gave the District Conservationist report:

Welcome to Kittson County Michael Steinhauer: Michael gave a brief background of his work experience. Michael will be working on the CSP, EQIP, and Grazing.

EQIP and CSP: CSP had 4 applications and none were funded in Kittson County and EQIP had 2 funded applications in Kittson County.

CRP: Beginning on June 15th, Jim will be acting in Roseau County. Roseau currently has 65 CRP applications, and Roseau handles Koochiching and Lake of the Woods and they have a total of 4 applications.

Roseau NRCS: Jim reported that the DC in Roseau County will be resigning on June 15th, Jim has been told he will be acting DC in Roseau County. Jim explained that the workload will be overwhelming with all the offices, he will be utilizing Michael to help him with the Roseau workload.

Local Work Group Meeting: Jim reported that the Local Work Group Meeting for Kittson County will be held on June 16th.

Justin Muller gave the District Technician Report

WCA: Justin reported that he is currently working on a Wetland Banking scoping document and there is a miscellaneous complaint in Karlstad he has been following up on.

County Ag Inspector: Justin spoke to the board about weed calls.

Feedlot: Justin reported to the board that he will be attending meetings to plant the 2017 Feedlot Conference in Area 1.

Cover Crop: Justin reported that we received 1 application for the cover crop initiative from Matt Przekwas. Matt's application is for 20 acres of a multi species cover crop. Motion was made by Dagen and seconded by Wilebski and unanimous vote of supervisors to approve Matt Przekwas's application.

Buffer Meeting: Justin reported to the board that the office will be holding a local Buffer meeting on June 9th at 9 am.

Drills: The drills have been moving around the county. At this time the Truax has done 57 acres and the Brillion has done 250 acres. The Brillion had some issues that happened during transport near Terry and Justin Osowski's farm. The drill could not be moved to anywhere to be repaired and Justin Osowski was able to make the necessary repairs to the drill. A bill for 5 hours was submitted to the Kittson SWCD for the repairs. Upon motion by H. Peterson and seconded by Dagen and unanimous vote of supervisors to approve payment of the bill submitted by Justin Osowski.

Tree Planting: Justin reported that the staff have done 2 mechanical tree plantings and 1 hand planting. Still have trees available, hope to have the cooler shutdown in the next week. Discussion was had between the staff and board on how we can promote the programs that the Kittson SWCD offer.

Sarah Gossman gave the District Technician Report

Clean Water Funds: Sarah reported to the board that she received back 2 applications for the Red River of the North CWF for contracts beginning June 1st.

Joann Hanson (FY2012-13)	Hampden	17	5.84	\$4,132.00
Paul Gatheridge (FY2012-14)	Granville	34	2.43	\$2,753.50

Motion was made by H. Peterson and seconded by Wilebski and unanimous vote of supervisors to approve these 2 contracts. Sarah spoke to the board about one contract that was cancelled, she is currently waiting for the letter from the landowner stating they would like to cancel it.

MN Agricultural Water Quality Certification Program: Sarah reported that the promotional grant has been spent and the reporting will be done on it in the next month in E-Link.

Other: Sarah spoke to the board about promotional items we can have at the Kittson County Fair in July. Pens were discussed and Sarah will look into different styles we can choose from.

Jamie Osowski gave the District Administrator Report:

State Cost Share: Jamie presented to the board State Cost Share contract SCS FY 15-06 from Todd Nelson for (1) Well Sealing in Granville 4. The estimate for the well sealing is \$1000.00 from Jon Leader. Upon motion by Wilebski and seconded by Dagen and unanimous vote of supervisors to approve SCS FY15-06 for Todd Nelson.

State Cost Share: Jamie explained to the board that a representative from Hill Township stopped in with an erosion issue in Hill 33 & 34. Discussion was had on the amount of money we have available in our current State Cost Share funds. More discussion will be had at the July meeting.

Outstanding Conservationists: Following discussion by the board and staff, Motion was made by Wilebski and Seconded by H. Peterson to nominate Lundberg Brothers of Kennedy for 2016 Outstanding Conservationist.

Rural Beautification Award: Following discussion by the board and staff, Motion was made by Dagen and Seconded by H. Peterson to nominate Roger and Judy Dziengel for 2016 Rural Beautification Award winners.

State Envirothon: An update was given on the 2016 State Envirothon that was held at Lake Bronson State Park on May 16th, 2016.

Local Capacity Funds: Jamie spoke to the board about brainstorming ideas for 2017 Local Capacity Funds. We do not know the details on if we will get them or not, but want to know of any ideas the board might have.

Other:

Upcoming Meetings: Jamie spoke to the board about the upcoming meetings the staff at the office will be attending; Area 1 Meeting, Administrative Sessions, Buffer Meeting, Local Work Group Meeting, Wraps Meeting and Listening Session with BWSR.

July 2016 Board Meeting: The July Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday July 13th, 2016 at 7:00 AM in the Kittson SWCD Office.

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

Justin Dagen, Secretary

Heather Peterson, Vice Chair