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**Minutes of the Meeting of
Kittson Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors
Held on Tuesday March 18th, 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 Tuesday March 18th, 2014 at 7:30 AM in the Kittson Soil and Water Conservation Office.

Members present at the meeting included: Chairman, CJ Peterson; Vice Chairwoman, Heather Peterson; and Treasurer, Joe Wilebski.

Absent from the meeting included Secretary, Justin Dagen and Public Relations, Ron Anderson.

Others present at the meeting were District Manager, Darren Carlson; District Technician; Brian Krippner; and District Coordinator, Jamie Osowski; and Jim Schwab; NRCS District Conservationist.

The minutes from the February 14th board meeting were approved, upon motion by Wilebski and seconded by H. Peterson and unanimous vote of the supervisors.

Upon a motion by H. Peterson, 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:

Year End Reporting: Jamie reported that the year-end financial reporting was complete and the report had been included in the board packet for members to review, upon motion by Wilebski, seconded by H. Peterson and unanimous vote of supervisors, the report will be submitted to the state.

Envirothon Donations: Jamie reported to the board that she has been receiving donations for the 2014 Envirothon. Each year, every SWCD donates \$100 to the event. Upon motion by H. Peterson, seconded by Wilebski and unanimous vote from supervisors, Jamie will submit a check to Envirothon for \$100 from Kittson SWCD.

State Auditor: Following the audit last August, the State Auditor submitted a bill to the Kittson SWCD for \$192.00 for the Standards and Procedures review. Upon motion by H. Peterson and seconded by Wilebski and unanimous vote of supervisors to approve payment for the State Auditor bill.

Jim Schwab gave the NRCS report:

CSP: The CSP signup has ended and he received 1 application.

EQIP: Jim gave the board an update on the changes with EQIP and the Grazing program.

Technician position: The position was opened for applications and closed on March 17th.

Grazing Contracts: Mark Hayek will be at the office on March 26th and 27th to work on the 29 active grazing contracts in Kittson County.

Farm Bill: Jim reported that there is no new news on the Farm Bill to report.

March is Women's History Month

Brian Krippner gave the District Technician report:

WCA: Brian gave an update on a BNSF railway project in St. Vincent and the DNR is requesting the railway to do an endangered species native prairie survey that will be completed this summer.

Kittson County Highway Department: An e-mail was received from County Engineer Kelly Bengtson, he has a problem with the length it takes these projects to get with the Army Corp. Kelly joined the meeting later and gave the board information on the projects and how the wait is effecting the county. After discussion between the board, they would like the district to write a letter on behalf of the Board of supervisors supporting only this CSAH 14 project. Justin Dagen was absent from the meeting but called and supported writing a letter to support the Highway Department. Motion was made by Wilebski, seconded by H. Peterson and unanimous vote of supervisors to write a support letter for the Kittson County Highway Department.

Truscinski Meeting: Brian held a meeting with the Army Corp and Scott Johnson in Roseau on March 13th to discuss this violation and the additional dirt work that Allan has done at the site.

Feedlots: Brian stated that he got through the work plan progress and not many changes were made. He also stated that the Feedlot officers submitted a letter to the MPCA on the work plan changes, this is being considered by the heads of the feedlot officers before being submitted to the MPCA.

Feedlot Complaint: Brian reported that he received a complaint on a Feedlot complaint and he inspected the violation.

CAI- Brian attended a CAI Meeting in Mahnomen on February 26th; He reported that Area 1 will be hosting this short course in 2015.

District Pickup: Brian reported to the board that the new district pickup was received and he spoke to the board about getting some extra accessories including weather tech floor mats and a step for the tailgate. The board thought that the floor mats should be included in the sale of the pickup. Brian stated he will talk to C&M Ford about these.

Darren Carlson gave the District Manager report

State Cost Share Amendments: Darren reported to the board that 4 state cost share projects never got completed due to a busy year by the well sealer. These projects need to be amended to have a practice insulation of 12/31/14. Motion was made by H. Peterson, seconded by Wilebski and unanimous vote of supervisors.

SWCD Tree Program: Darren presented the board with an updated tree inventory and the current list of tree plantings for 2014. New plantings include Scott Billings, Mark Langehaug, Jeff Deere, Dean Carlson and Steve Klopp.

Annual Work Plan: Darren reported that he submitted the work plan to BWSR, this is needed to justify the work plan.

Elections: Darren reported that Ron and Justin's terms will be up in 2015. Those interested in being on the ballot for the Kittson SWCD board in District 3 and 4 need to register between May 20th and June 3rd.

Zoning: Darren reported to the board that the agreement with the county will be signed by the commissioners and they have agreed with the hourly rates for a 1 year trial basis. Darren reported that our staff will attend the second commissioner meeting of each month to inform them on how many permits were issued and how the program is working.

DNR Shoreland: The DNR is potentially selling some lots on Lake Bronson. The DNR contacted the Kittson SWCD to discuss DNR Shoreland and SSTS Rules and Regulations. The ground would be under the DNR Shoreland Rules and Regulations and as for SSTS there may be enough room to install a septic system, but the land use first needs to be determined, size of the house, how big the family is, soils types on the site, ect. prior to a permit being issued.

SSTS Courses: Darren reported to the board that he finished his final installation course.

Side Water Inlet Grant: Motion was made by Wilebski, seconded by H. Peterson and unanimous vote of supervisors to receive \$10,000 for a grant for side water Inlet Filter strips.

Summer Intern: Darren presented the intern description that he will be submitting to the local newspapers and UMC. The applicant will be hired from May to August.

April Board Meeting: The April Board meeting is scheduled for April 11th, 2014 at 7:30 AM.

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

Justin Dagen, Secretary

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J Dagen", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is cursive and somewhat stylized.