

**Minutes of the Meeting of
Kittson Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors
Held on March 11th, 2010**

The Board of Supervisors of the Kittson Soil & Water Conservation District held its regular scheduled meeting on Thursday, March 11th, 2010, at the Kittson County Soil & Water Conservation District office located in Hallock, Minnesota.

Members present at the meeting included Chairman, Scott Klein; Vice Chairman, Greg Peterson; Secretary, Justin Dagen; Treasurer, Joe Wilebski; and Public Relations, Ron Anderson. Absent: None.

Others present at the meeting were District Manager, Darren Carlson; District Coordinator, Joanne Quiner; Program Coordinator, Shane Olson and Program Analyst, James Schwab.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Klein.

The minutes of the February 11th, 2010, meeting was approved, upon a motion by Dagen, seconded by Peterson, and unanimous vote of the supervisors.

Upon a motion by Anderson, seconded by Peterson and unanimous vote the treasurer's report was approved as presented by Quiner. Upon a motion by Anderson, seconded by Peterson, and unanimous vote, for check #2695 through #2718 for the amount of \$284,936.48 for the month of February was approved as presented by Quiner.

Accounts receivable 2009: Quiner reported that there are \$20 accounts receivable from 2009.

Joanne Quiner gave the District Coordinator's report as follows:

Myron calendars: Quiner asked if the Board would like to purchase Myron calendars again for 2011. Upon a motion by Peterson, seconded by Anderson and unanimous vote to purchase 50 pocket pal calendars from Myron manufacturing.

Area I meeting: Quiner said there is an Area I meeting in Ada on March 18th.

Available Funds: The balances listed below are as of February 28th, unless otherwise noted: LWMP, \$0 County, \$7,049.98 SWCD; CLWP Dedicated Fund \$44,160; WCA, \$0 County, \$267.52 SWCD; Shoreland, \$525.59 County, \$0 SWCD; Feedlot, \$1,598.88 County, \$0 SWCD; SSTS, \$0 County, (\$240) SWCD; and Beaver \$5,000.

Darren Carlson gave the District Manager's report as follows:

Annual Report and Work Plan: Carlson presented the 2009 Annual Report and the 2010 Annual Work Plan. Upon a motion by Wilebski, seconded by Peterson and unanimous vote to accept the 2009 Annual Report and the 2010 Annual Work Plan.

Kittson SWCD Website link: The SWCD must have Year-End Reporting items posted on the SWCD website link by March 15th, including the most recent audit and the previous twelve months of meeting minutes up to date.

Administrators Meeting: Carlson attended the Courthouse Administrator's meeting on March 4th.

SSTS: Carlson SSTS needs new rules for septic system regulations. Counties are required to adopt the resolution by June 30th. Some counties (Polk, Red Lake, Roseau, Lake of the Woods) are opposing the rules due to it is unacceptable to adopt MPCA rules by "reference" when the rules have not been finalized. Counties not updating their ordinances could jeopardize future funding. Kittson County Commissioners would like to update our ordinance to stay in compliance. Upon a motion by Wilebski, seconded by Peterson and unanimous vote to table an SSTS Update at this time due to the fact that no 2010 SSTS funding has been granted.

Association of Townships: Carlson and Olson spoke at the Association of Townships meeting on March 5th.

NACDE Winter Retreat: Carlson and Olson will possibly be attending the NACDE retreat on March 22-23rd at Thumper Pond Ottertail.

RIM: There is RIM training on March 24th in Mahanomen.

Floodplain: Carlson attended DNR Floodplain Regulations Meeting in Thief River Falls on February 24, 2010.

James Schwab gave the NRCS Program Analyst's report as follows:

CSP: Carlson met with Area Resource Conservationist Al Gustafson to go over Technical Approval Authority (TAA) on February 17th. Carlson's TAA is the same as when he left Dakota SWCD. Board Chair needs to sign cover page and the concurred line on page 3.

Contribution Agreements: Carlson is working with Schwab to set up Contribution Agreements to do some residue spot-checks for the NRCS this year. Upon a motion by Dagen, seconded by Wilebski and unanimous vote to approve NRCS Contribution Agreement with the SWCD for Darren Carlson signed by Chairmen Klein.

EQIP: Schwab said he had over \$2 million dollars signed-up for EQIP in February.

Women's History month: Schwab said March is Women's History month.

Streambank project: Schwab said the FY07-12 project has finally been approved for EQIP payment as well.

Shane Olson gave the Program Coordinator's report as follows:

State Cost Share: Olson said since the FY07-12 project has been approved for EQIP funding, he will be at his 75 percent cost share limit. Olson said FY07-14 is eligible for the remaining FY07 cost share funds since he has not met 75 percent cost share. Upon a motion by Dagen, seconded by Wilebski and unanimous vote to approve FY07-14 to piggy back EQIP grazing contract for remaining funds of \$460.19.

Staff meeting: Staff meetings were held on February 23rd and March 9th.

AgBMP: The current application order is as follows: EL-10, SA-10, WM-10 and DMC-10 all through Farm Credit Services.

RIM: Olson sent mapping of each of the RIM easements to Tim Fredbo of BWSR. He then contacted Olson about some deeds which he sent to him.

Feedlot: Olson attended MPCA training on February 17th in Detroit Lakes.

Feedlot appeal: Olson appealed to MPCA to receive performance credits for 2010. Olson was unaware he was supposed to fill out a manure application form for feedlot inspections visits and also unaware he was to send out receipt letters for the re-registrations.

CAI: Olson will be attending a CAI area meeting on March 31st at Mahnommen.

Envirothon: Olson has received \$950 in donations thus far this year from businesses and organizations. He said the final planning meeting on April 21st at Agassiz Refuge (ANWAR). The event is April 28th at ANWAR.

WCA Violations: Nothing on the restoration orders from CO Ben Huener for Kittson County CD 23 and Johnson violation.

WCA training: Olson will be attending a WCA training on April 7th at Detroit Lakes.

WCA Deminimis: Olson said Kelly Bengtson has proposed a letter to ask BWSR to reclassify Kittson County as a 50-80 percent pre-settlement wetlands county and is asking for support. Upon a motion by Dagen, seconded by Peterson and unanimous vote to support reclassifying Kittson County as a 50-80 percent pre-settlement wetlands county.

Tree Open House: The tree open house was held February 25th. About 8 people attended and we gave away 2 potted trees.

MDHA: Ron Sele of Karlstad won the \$25 tree gift certificate for the Minnesota Deer Hunters banquet.

Trees: Olson has ordered 5,300 so far this year and will possibly be 8 planting sites.

April Board meeting: The next Board meeting is scheduled for April 8th.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Klein.

Justin Dagen, Secretary