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Minutes of the Meeting of

Kittson Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors

**Held on Friday, March 13th, 2015 at 8:00 AM at the Kittson Soil and Water
Conservation District Office.**

The Board of Supervisors of the Kittson Soil & Water Conservation District held its regular scheduled meeting on March 13th, 2015 at 8:00 AM in the Kittson Soil and Water Conservation Office.

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

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

The minutes from the February 13th, 2015 Board meeting were approved upon motion by Wilebski and Seconded by Anderson and unanimous vote of supervisors.

Upon a motion by Anderson, 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:

Envirothon: Jamie reported to the board about the 2015 Envirothon financials. Each year, all the districts in the Northern and Southern Envirothon are asked for a \$100 donation. Upon motion by Anderson and Seconded by Wilebski and unanimous vote of supervisors, Kittson SWCD will donate \$100 to the 2015 Envirothon.

Leadership Training: Jamie reported to the board about her last Leadership training in St. Paul on March 10th and 11th. Jamie reported that there were many speakers talking about influential leadership and a visit to the State Capital was made too.

Reporting: Jamie stated that she is working on reporting for Year End and MCIT.

Jim Schwab gave the NRCS report:

March is Women's History Month

CSP: Jim reported that the CSP deadline is March 13th, 2015 and there are 8 applications. Letters were sent out to those who have received their last payments to see if interested in renewing.

EQIP: Jim reported that the scoring period ends on March 13th, 2015.

NRCS Office Appraisal: Jim reported that Area Office staff will be here March 23rd and 24th to go through files and interview landowners, Board Members and staff.

Danny Weber: Danny is off his ventilator and will be on dialysis.

Justin Muller gave the District Technician Report

WCA: Justin reported that Chase Boen was in to talk about expanding the tiling project at the City of Karlstad's baseball diamond tiling project. He reported that they would now like to do the entire field.

CAI: Justin reported that he was busy with CAI training in St. Cloud where he learned about the basics of CAI, noxious weeds and the seed program. He reported that he will have an Area 1 CAI meeting in Mahnomen and go over everything that is coming up in Area 1. Justin also talked about a Legislative bill that is being discussed for grants toward projects.

Township Meeting: Justin reported that he attended the Annual township meeting where he introduced himself and talked about the CAI program.

Other: Justin reported that he will be attending soils training through NRCS March 31st and April 1st. He attended a SWCS meeting in Crookston and he listed to a wide range of speakers. He also reported that he will have Feedlot training in Willmar on April 28th-30th.

Darren Carlson gave the District Manager report

Well Sealing's: Discussion was had on well sealing's, Darren showed what other districts are cost sharing in the area for well sealing's. The board verified they would like to keep the well sealing's at 100% cost share, not to exceed \$1,000.

Zoning: Darren reported that he is working on a Variance for Lance Hapka (HFC Inc). Jamie presented the current zoning bill to the board.

Website: Darren stated he has been busy working on uploading the reported to the Website.

Trees: Darren reported that there are 4500 trees remaining and the district is lined up to do 15 tree plantings.

BWSR Visit: Darren reported that Jeanette Austin and Matt Fischer were here and discussed the hourly wage that we have and looked at our time sheets, reporting and State Cost Share folders.

Conservation Tour: Darren spoke with the board about having a conservation tour this year. Looking at having the tour in Early June and he will work on a tentative schedule and present it to the board.

Tractor: Darren discussed the possibility of buying or renting a tractor for the drill and tree plantings. The board suggested checking with the dealership and getting prices on renting a tractor for the tree and drill season.

Buffers: Darren spoke to the board about the Governors Buffer Initiative; discussion was had.

Area 1 Board Meeting: Darren stated to the board that the next Area 1 Meeting will be held on March 31st, 2015 at UMC in Crookston. Anyone interested in attending should let the office know so we can register.

Statement of Economic Interest: Darren reported that there was a phone call requesting these be returned by Ron Anderson and Justin Dagen.

Local Water Plan: Motion was made by Wilebski and seconded by Anderson and unanimous vote of supervisors for the Resolution for the adoption of the Kittson County Comprehensive Local Water Plan as the Comprehensive Long Range Plan of the Kittson SWCD. The Kittson SWCD adopts the Kittson County CLWP as its comprehensive plan for the calendar years of January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2017, at which time the CLWP will need to be updated.

Annual Plan: Motion was made by Anderson and Seconded by Wilebski and unanimous vote of supervisors to approve the 2015 annual work plan.

Newsletter: Darren reported that the Spring Newsletter will be sent out ion the next week. Being printed right now.

1W1P: Discussion was had about the 1W1P.

Water monitoring: Discussion was had on Water Monitoring. At this time, the International Water Institute has no funding for the Kittson SWCD to do water monitoring at the 5 locations in Kittson County. Darren asked the board if they would like us to still do water monitoring without at grants. Darren will talk with Pennington County SWCD and get the cost of their water monitoring they do.

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

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

Justin Dagen, Secretary

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