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**Minutes of the Meeting of**

**Kittson Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors**

**Held on Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 8:00 AM at the Kittson SWCD Office**

The Board of Supervisors of the Kittson Soil & Water Conservation District held its regular scheduled meeting on March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 8:00 AM in the Kittson SWCD Office.

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

Others present at the meeting were District Technician Justin Muller, District Technician, Sarah Gossman, and NRCS District Conservationist; Jim Schwab.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Peterson.

The minutes from the February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Board meeting were approved upon motion by Dagen and Seconded by Wilebski and unanimous vote of supervisors.

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

Jim Schwab gave the NRCS Report:

EQIP and CSP: Jim is working on 3 EQIP applications. He also has 5 renewals and 3 new applications for CSP.

CRP: CRP General Sign-up has closed. Continuous CRP, buffer strips are still coming in.

Tech Opening: Jim reported that the Tech position closed two weeks ago. He has not yet received a panel of applicants.

March is Women's History Month

Justin Muller gave the District Technician Report

WCA: Justin reported that he is currently working on one WCA application.

Feedlot: Justin reported that he attended a Feedlot meeting in Red Lake Falls. The MN Association of County Feedlot Officers Conference will be held in Moorhead next spring.

County Ag Inspector: Justin reported that he attended a meeting in Mahanomen.

Truax Drill: Justin reported that the Truax Drill is ready for pick up.

Septic: Justin reported that he is going to attend septic training in Grand Rapids later this month.

Soil Health Workshop: Justin reported that he and Sarah attended the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Soil Health Workshop in Grand Forks, ND put on by the Grand Forks Soil Conservation District.

Sarah Gossman gave the District Technician Report

MN Agricultural Water Quality Certification Program: Sarah reported that we currently have one MAWQCP application.

Clean Water Funds: Sarah reported to the board that she has around 30 acres committed to the Red River of the North Clean Water Fund program with inquiries continuing to come in. She sent letters to landowners in the Lake Bronson Watershed and has started to hear back but none have committed.

Open House: Sarah reported to the board that the Kittson SWCD Open House and Rain Gauge appreciation was held on Thursday February 18<sup>th</sup> from 11-1 in the Kittson County Courthouse upstairs meeting room. There was a great turn out of about 40 people.

Justin Muller and Sarah Gossman gave the District Coordinator/Manger report in Jamie Osowski's absence:

One Watershed One Plan: The board discussed whether or not to move forward with One Watershed One Plan. Dagen made a motion to table the Kittson SWCD decision with moving forward at the time with the One Watershed One Plan, Anderson seconded the motion, followed by a unanimous vote of supervisors.

Plotmaster: Justin reported that we plan to put the Plotmaster out on bids starting March 14<sup>th</sup> and ending at 4:30pm on April 12<sup>th</sup>. Dagen made a motion to put the Plotmaster out on bids, Anderson seconded, and unanimous vote of supervisors. The bid will be advertised by posters around the county.

Annual Work Plan: Sarah reported that the Annual Work Plan had been updated for 2016. Wilebski made a motion to approve the plan, Dagen seconded, followed by a unanimous vote of supervisors.

Reporting: Justin reported that Jamie is working on preparing the financial reporting and that have been some changes made to the reporting that Jamie is waiting to final approval on.

Flood Damage Reduction/Basin Joint Conference: Sarah reported that she will be attending the conference on March 23 to March 24. She mentioned that all SWCD supervisors are encouraged to attend the conference, especially the afternoon of March 23<sup>th</sup> for SWCD Supervisor Orientation.

Other: Sarah reported that Kaitlyn Barbora from the Extention Office approached the Kittson SWCD about judging for 4-H at the Kittson County Fair.

April 2016 Board Meeting: The April Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 7:00 AM.

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

Justin Dagen, Secretary

