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**Minutes of the Meeting of  
Kittson Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors  
Held on May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

The Board of Supervisors of the Kittson Soil & Water Conservation District held its regular scheduled meeting on Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2011, at the Kittson SWCD office located in Hallock, Minnesota.

Members present at the meeting included Chairman, Scott Klein; Vice Chairman, Greg Peterson; and Treasurer, Joe Wilebski  
Absent: Secretary, Justin Dagen and Public Relations, Ron Anderson.

Others present at the meeting were Administrative Clerk, Virginia Olson; Program Coordinator, Shane Olson; and Program Analyst, James Schwab and Technician, Mark Larson.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Klein.

The minutes of the April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011, meeting was approved, upon a motion by Peterson, seconded by Wilebski, and unanimous vote of the supervisors.

Upon a motion by Wilebski, seconded by Peterson and unanimous vote the treasurer's report was approved as presented by Olson. Upon a motion by Wilebski, seconded by Peterson, and unanimous vote, for check #3062 through #3089 for the amount of \$13,275.92 for the month of April was approved as presented by Olson.

Accounts receivable: Quiner reported that Jim Schwab, Shane Olson and Lowell Younggren have accounts receivable for 2010.

Virginia Olson gave the Administrative Clerk's report as follows:

Severance pay: Upon a motion by Peterson, seconded by Wilebski and unanimous vote to pay severance pay of annual leave and sick leave to Joanne Quiner after checking with Quiner when she would like to have it paid to her.

Retirement celebration: A card of thanks was passed around from Quiner thanking us for the retirement celebration recently held for her. Olson figures there was over 125 people at Quiner's open house and retirement party held upstairs in the Courthouse meeting room on April 28<sup>th</sup> from 1:30 to 4:30 PM. Following, there was also a retirement celebration at the Lancaster City Hall. Olson says there were about 40 people in attendance.

Available Funds: The balances listed below are as of March 31<sup>st</sup>, unless otherwise noted: LWMP, \$0 County, \$1,203.41 SWCD; CLWP Dedicated Fund \$24,160; WCA, \$0 County, \$3,926.78 SWCD; Shoreland, \$0 County, \$649.97 SWCD; Feedlot, \$0 County, \$1,552.99 SWCD; SSTS, \$0 County, \$3,485.42 SWCD; Brillion \$1,350.00 SWCD; and Beaver \$2,280.

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

EQIP: Schwab said EQIP applications have been approved for over \$900,000.

Detail: Schwab said is done being detailed to the Roseau Office.

CRP Status reviews: Schwab said they have 200 CRP status reviews to do for the recent CRP sign-up. The Board commended the recent mailing regarding Plotmaster and asked if this is something that could be done to spark interest for seeing who would be interested in having status review spot checks.

Tiling: Schwab briefly mentioned that producers are supposed to stop at FSA and fill out 1026's for tiling projects.

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

Staff meeting: A staff meeting was held on April 18<sup>th</sup>.

AgBMP applications: The current loan applications are as follows: John Wilson (manure handling equipment), Sevrin Anderson (Air Seeder, however not eligible due to amount of funds on loan in program), Darwyn Anderson (Chisel Plow) and NRR Farms (chisel plow). Upon a motion by Wilebski, seconded by Peterson and unanimous vote to fund John Wilson's Manure Equipment application for \$12,000 from revolving funds.

State Cost share: Olson said there is nothing new with Bruce Gunderson well sealing estimate's. Olson said Gunderson is busy drilling a well for the new Kickin Up Kountry location West of Karlstad. The Board tabled the State Cost application for the Kittson County Highway Department for a rip rap project until the June Board meeting, to use as many funds for well sealing applications as possible.

Envirothon: The Envirothon took place there on April 27<sup>th</sup> at Lake Bronson State Park. The same teams from last year placed. A team from Tri-County placed 1<sup>st</sup>, a team from Kittson Central placed 2<sup>nd</sup> and a team from Grygla placed 3<sup>rd</sup>. Larson and Olson were presenters for current events. Sub-sandwiches were purchased from Lakeside Sporting Goods and Olson and Quiner dispersed them. Olson received a donation of potato chips from the Red River Valley Potato Growers. Olson received \$1,200 in funding from businesses and organizations and he mailed out thank you letters on May 3<sup>rd</sup> and submitted reports to local newspapers.

Arbor Day: Olson received packaged Birch trees for Arbor Day for the 4-6<sup>th</sup> graders in the county. Larson and Olson went to St Vincent school on April 29<sup>th</sup>. Olson traveled to Lancaster school on May 2<sup>nd</sup>; Heritage and Tri County on May 3<sup>rd</sup>; and Kittson Central on May 4<sup>th</sup>.

Trees: Olson said the trees were delivered May 5-6<sup>th</sup>. This year 8,200 trees were ordered. He said over 6,200 have been purchased so far. Olson said there are 7 planting sites.

Springbrook RIM/PL566: Olson reported nothing new with the Springbrook PL566 project, as landowners will not proceed further without final engineering report stating where dike locations will be. Schwab says that State NRCS staff will be up here May 10-12<sup>th</sup> working on wetland delineation, cultural resources and some other procedures. Olson will assist with the wetland staff.

WCA CD 16: Olson said the CD 16 project was WCA/BWSR approved following the COE/BWSR TEP meeting in February, however they have not yet received COE approval. The COE is having a delineation practicum on May 12<sup>th</sup>. BWSR staff will be there and Olson will attend.

WCA Truscinski: Olson said Larry Pulchalski of COE will be sending Alan Truscinski a Corps of Engineers notice of violation after Olson was out and photographed pictures of the violation.

WCA Ehlen: Ron Anderson requested a TEP to look at the Ehlen violation.

WCA WW Trails: The TEP will look at the WW Trails violation either at the end of April or sometime in May. WW Trails did some dozing right next to TNC.

WCA Diamond: Dennis Diamond turned in an application to construct a pond on his land by Lake Bronson.

CAI testing: Bob Sugden of CHS plans to take a Commercial applicator exam on May 13<sup>th</sup>. TNC staff and a guy from Carlson Air Spraying of Lake Bronson have expressed interest in taking applicator tests in the near future.

2011 CAI Shortcourse: The 2011 CAI Shortcourse will be held at the Sportsman's Lodge in Baudette this year and many sites will be attended on our tour, such as a grass seed facility, a seed potato farm and several others as well.

WCA: The WCA program was discussed further. Violations were discussed. The county WCA re-assessment petition was discussed.

June Board meeting: The next regular scheduled Board meeting is June 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 AM.

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

  
Justin Dagen, Secretary