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Minutes of the Meeting of

Kittson Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors

Held on Friday, May 15th, 2015 at 8:00 AM at the Foxy Roxy's in Lancaster.

The Board of Supervisors of the Kittson Soil & Water Conservation District held its regular scheduled meeting on May 15th, 2015 at 8:00 AM at Foxy Roxy's in Lancaster.

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

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

The minutes from the April 10th, 2015 Board meeting were approved upon motion by Dagen and Seconded by Wilebski and unanimous vote of supervisors.

Upon a motion by H. Peterson, seconded by Anderson and unanimous vote of the supervisors, the Treasurer's report was approved as presented by Jamie Osowski.

Jamie Osowski gave the District Coordinator report:

Arbor Day trees: Jamie stated that Kittson SWCD staff have been delivering trees to the area schools, will be visiting the last 2 schools next week.

Envirothon: Jamie informed the board that the Envirothon event was held on April 22, 2015 at Lake Bronson State park and it was successful. Kittson Central placed 1st, Grygla 2nd and Greenbush 3rd with Kittson Central winning the Oral Presentation. State Envirothon will be on Monday May 18th in Cloquet MN.

New Apparel for staff: Jamie and Justin reported to the board about new apparel for the staff. There is a special going on through Universal Screenprint until the end of June.

Audit: Jamie informed the board that an Audit will need to be conducted over for the 2014 books. Jamie sent out 3 Audit Bid letters and only received one back from Peterson Company LTD, who did the last Audit. Upon motion by Wilebski and seconded by Dagen and unanimous vote of supervisors, Peterson Company LTD will conduct the next Kittson SWCD Audit for the 2014 financials.

Jim Schwab and Jacob Swaney gave the NRCS report:

CSP and EQIP: Jacob gave an update on the CSP and EQIP signups. There are 6 applications for CSP submitted and they were due today.

Danny Weber: Jim reported that Danny Weber will be out of the hospital in the next week and going home. He will not be returning to work for a couple months.

CRP Update: Jim reported that there are 50 contracts that are ready for field checks and plans and that Jacob will be helping him with these plans.

May is Asian Pacific Islanders Month

Justin Muller gave the District Technician Report

Feedlot: Justin reported that he attended a New Feedlot Officers training in Wilmar and he found it very informational.

In June he will be attending a training in St. Cloud for training on the new Feedlot computer system.

CAI: Justin reported that he did seed sampling with Jeff Sira, they visited 3 locations and took samples from Soybeans, Wheat and Sunflowers.

WCA: Justin reported that he attended the Klondike meeting in Badger on Wednesday May 13th. The discussion was on the preliminary designs.

Other: Justin reported that he attended the soils training through NRCS on March 31st and April 1st. He also reported that he will have Feedlot training in Willmar on April 28th-30th.

Darren Carlson gave the District Manager report

Trees: Darren reported that there are 2500 trees available and that the office has completed 5 tree plantings and still have 10 left.

Brillion Drill: Darren reported that the drill has been used by 2 landowners in Marshall County. The drill is currently by Lancaster waiting for a landowner to use.

Zoning: Darren reported that the office has done 30 permits in 2015 and there will be 2 variance meetings coming up in June. Darren also spoke to the board about needing a zoning permit for tiling pump outlets.

Clean Water Funds: Darren reported that he will have contracts for Clean Water Funds to sign but he is waiting for Roseau County FSA to get contracts ready. Might need a special meeting to have these signed before the next board meeting.

State Cost Share: Darren reported that he has 2 landowners with signed State Cost Share contracts. Scott Nelson Field Windbreak in Granville 10 for 1 row trees and matting. The total cost of the project will be \$1674.14 and 75% cost share on the total will be \$1255.60. Motion was made by Wilebski and Seconded by Anderson and unanimous vote of supervisors to approve the Scott Nelson State Cost Share Contract.

Todd Truedson well sealings in Jupiter 21, the cost estimate for the 2 well sealings is \$1900; 50% of state cost share would come from State Cost Share and 50% would come from the County Well Sealing Levy. Motion was made by Anderson and Seconded by H. Peterson and unanimous vote of supervisors to approve Todd Truedson's 2 Well Sealings.

Kittson County Streambank Project: Discussion was had on the Streambank project on Kittson County 10 in Klondike. The board discussed talking with the TRWD on this project first.

Embridge Grant: Darren spoke to the board about a grant opportunity through Embridge, the grant application is due June 5th.

Area 1 Meeting: The next Area 1 meeting is June 23rd, 2015 at Bejou, MN.

Spring 2015 Windstorm: Darren spoke to the board and showed them pictures from the windstorm on April 15th. Darren spoke to the board about the possibility of purchasing a Strip Tillage machine for the district. Darren mentioned he would send out letters to landowners requesting feedback on if they would be interested in it.

Conservation Tour: Darren reported to the board that the 2015 Kittson SWCD Conservation tour will be on June 16th, 2015 from Noon to 4:30pm. District staff is working on finalizing the tour stops.

June 2015 Board Meeting: The June board meeting is scheduled for June 12th, 2015 at 7AM.

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

Justin Dagen, Secretary


