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Minutes of the Meeting of

Kittson Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors

Held on Friday, May 9th, 2014 at 7:30 AM at the Kittson Soil and Water Conservation Office.

The Board of Supervisors of the Kittson Soil & Water Conservation District held its regular scheduled meeting on May 9th, 2014 at 7:30 AM in the Kittson Soil and Water Conservation Office.

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

Others present at the meeting were District Manager, Darren Carlson; District Technician; Brian Krippner; and District Coordinator, Jamie Osowski; and Jim Schwab; NRCS District Conservationist.

The minutes from the April 11th board meeting were approved, upon motion by Wilebski and seconded by Anderson and unanimous vote of the 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:

Beaver Funds: Beaver funds were discussed as the funds were down to \$100, discussion was had on how much money should be transferred from the 2014 CLWP fund to the Beaver funds. \$2500 was discussed and upon motion by Wilebski and seconded by Anderson and unanimous vote of supervisors, \$2500 will be transferred from CLWP to Beaver Funds.

Administrative Session: Jamie reported that the 2014 Administrative Session will be held on June 25th and 26th at Cragun's in Brainerd. The cost of the session is \$60 per employee and a room at Cragun's is \$88.71. Upon motion by Anderson and Seconded by Wilebski and unanimous vote of supervisors to allow Jamie to go for the Session on June 25th and 26th, 2014.

Pickup Decals: Jamie reported to the board that she priced out pickup decals with Custom Stripes out of East Grand Forks, she presented the board with pictures of the decals and for each pickup the decals would be \$120 per pickup. Upon motion by H. Peterson and Seconded by Wilebski and unanimous vote of supervisors to approve the decals for both pickups.

Spring Newsletter: Jamie reported to the board that she is working on getting the articles from FSA for our spring newsletter and hope to have the newsletter mailed out by end of May.

Envirothon: Jamie reported on the Northern Envirothon that was held on April 23rd at Agassiz National Wildlife Refuge. A Tri- County team won first place at the event.

State Envirothon: Jamie stated that she will be attending State Envirothon at St. John's University in Collegeville MN on May 19th.

Arbor Day Trees: Jamie reported that she has received the Arbor Day trees from the nursery and has set up dates with the schools to give the trees to the students.

Brian Krippner gave the District Technician report:

WCA: Brian reported that the notice of decision was made on the BNSF railway project and is all squared away.

Kittson County Highway Department: Brian reported on this topic to the board and stated that he will be having a meeting at the Kittson County Highway Department on April 16th to discuss the matter further.

Embridge Delineation: Brian reported to the board that he did a delineation on this pipeline project and found that this falls under utility repair so nothing further needs to be done on this project by him.

Brian Lane: Brian reported that Brian Lane stopped in and was interested in doing a Wildlife Pond in Jupiter 22. He said the pond is now drained and he wants to plug is up for deer and ducks. Brian reported he will check on this site in the spring.

Zoning: Brian reported that the office had received 4-5 zoning applications and 2 have been fully processed. He stated that he is working on one variance. The workload is picking up.

Science Fair: Brian reported that he judged the science fair at the Kittson Central High School.

Kittson County Enterprise: Brian reported that he was interviewed by the Kittson County Enterprise on what he does at the Soil and Water Conservation.

Brian Krippner gave the District Technician report:

WCA: Brian reported that the CSAH 14 project has been approved on the state end and is waiting to hear on the Corp side.

Feedlot: Brian received a complaint in Arveson 29 of a landowner spreading manure too close to a wetland. Brian stated that he sent a letter to the landowner and then inspected the site on a wet sloppy day and found nothing was running off into the wetland.

Feedlot: Brian stated that he finished his final new CFO training required and should be done meeting the requirements.

Zoning: Brian reported that the office has processed 12 applications. He stated he held 1 variance meeting for Lance Hapka and that application has been approved and he spent a total of 31 hours on that variance and application.

CAI: Brian reported that Jeff Sira from the Minnesota Department of Ag was up to do some seed sampling with him. He reported that a majority of the county has been sampled now.

CAI: Brian stated that he distributed a pesticide application test and recertification tests.

Jim Schwab gave the NRCS report:

May is Asian Pacific Islander Month

CSP: Jim reported that he has received 1 application for CSP.

EQIP: Jim gave an update on EQIP and he can now accept applications up until May 16th and they will need to be ranked by the following Friday. He also provided the board with rule change updates.

Grazing Systems: Jim reported that there is an increase in requests on Grazing systems; he stated that Mark Hayek will be in our office often. He stated that Mark will be here May 8th and 9th.

Technician position: Jim reported that this position will be opening up to civilians, but might not be until August or September until it is.

Darren Carlson gave the District Manager report

SWCD Tree Program: Darren reported that the trees arrived and has been sorted. Tree dispersal dates were announced and there will be 15 tree plantings being done by the Kittson SWCD staff.

State Cost Share: Dave Hemmes will be doing a Windbreak/Shelterbelt project at their farmstead in St. Vincent 21 with State Cost Share. The total cost of the project is \$6400 and 75% cost share would be \$4842.10. Motion was made by Wilebski and Seconded by H. Peterson and unanimous vote of supervisors to approve this project for Dave Hemmes.

State Cost Share: Mark Langehaug will be doing a Windbreak/Shelterbelt project at his farmstead in Hazelton 24. The cost of the project is \$717.33 and 75% cost share would be \$538. Motion was made by Wilebski and Seconded by H. Peterson an unanimous vote of supervisors to approve this project for Mark Langehaug.

Biannual Budget Request: Darren reported to the board that he has been working on the BBR for BWSR for the years 2016-2017. This is a collection of information on financial projects we want to do down the road.

MASWCD Funding Initiative: Darren talked to the board about the MASWD seeking authority for SWCD's to raise their own revenue through additional funding authorities in order to ensure the long term viability of soil and water conservation district efforts across the state.

SWCD Board Election: Darren reminded the board that District 3 and District 4 are up for election this year. Board members from those areas can file for election between the dates of May 20th and June 3rd.

JRWD TMDL/WRAP: Darren reported to the board that he attended a meeting in Thief River Falls on April 29th concerning the TMDL for Joe River Watershed District.

SWAG Monitoring: Darren reported that the SWAG monitoring will begin again in June and will continue into August.

Area 1 Leadership: A survey was sent out to board members looking for input on the Area 1 meetings that are held. The committee is looking to hear what board members and staff think about location of meetings and topics at meetings.

Rim Signup Updates: Darren updated the board on the RIM signups and the PL566 project.

Tractor Rental Discussion: Darren discussed with the board the need to rent a tractor to do a couple tree plantings and some

June Board Meeting: The June Board meeting is scheduled for June 13th, 2014 at 7:30 AM.

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

Justin Dagen, Secretary

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