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Minutes of the Meeting Of

Kittson Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors

Held on Friday, October 24th, 2014 at 7:00AM at the Kittson Soil and Water Conservation Office

The Board of Supervisors of the Kittson Soil and Water Conservation District held its regular scheduled meeting on October 24th, 2014 at 7:00 AM in the Kittson Soil and Water Conservation Office.

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

Other Present at the meeting were District Manager, Darren Carlson; District Technician, Justin Muller; District Coordinator, Jamie Osowski; and NRCS District Conservationist, Jim Schwab.

The minutes from the August 8th, 2014 board meeting were tabled at the September board meeting due to an error in the minutes, minutes were approved upon motion by Dagen and seconded by Wilebski and unanimous vote of supervisors. The September 12th, 2014 board meeting minutes were approved upon motion by Wilebski and Seconded by Anderson and unanimous vote of supervisors.

Upon motion by H. Peterson and Seconded by Dagen and unanimous vote of supervisors, the Treasurers' report was approved as presented by Jamie Osowski.

Jamie Osowski gave the District Coordinator Report:

Leadership Training: Jamie reported to the board that she will not be attending the next leadership training in Duluth on November 5th and 6th due to her pregnancy.

Area 1 Meeting: Jamie reported that SWCD staff and Board Member Wilebski attended the Area 1 Meeting in Perham MN on October 23rd. Discussion was had on the topics discussed at the meeting.

Fall Newsletter: Jamie reported to the board that the Fall Newsletter had been submitted to the Stephen Messenger and we are waiting on the proof to be finalized.

NACD Dues: Jamie reported to the board that the request for dues to the National Association of Conservation Districts was received. In the past, \$500 was given for the dues. Upon motion by Dagen

and Seconded by Anderson and unanimous votes of supervisors, \$500 will be given for dues to the NACD.

Carl Christopherson Ag BMP Loan: Carl Christopherson stopped in for an Ag BMP Loan for a Manure Spreader costing \$33,000. Upon motion by Dagen and Seconded by H. Peterson and unanimous vote of supervisors, the loan for Carl Christopherson was approved.

Upcoming Schedule: Jamie reported on her upcoming schedule with the birth of her child being in a month. Jamie discussed that she will still come in and prepare payroll and monthly reporting.

Jim Schwab gave the NRCS Report:

CRP: Jim reported that all 86 CRP Contracts have been signed. He also finished up status reviews on new seedings. He needs to go over CRP reviews, Seedings and Seed Tags with Renae.

EQIP: Jim will be paying on 5 grazing systems at 1 million in payments. Jim reported that he has to send terminations to 2 landowners.

CSP: Jim reported that CSP Payments are going out in November.

Wetland Determinations: Paige Gutter from the Area office does the wetland determinations for Kittson County. She has a huge amount of them to do and Jim explained that landowners need to be patient.

National Disability Month

Justin Muller gave the District Technician Report:

Drainage Ditch Inventory and Inspection Grant (SEDLCIP): Justin reported that he has been busy with the 22 miles of drainage ditches. He explained to the board where the ditches are located and what he is doing with the money. SWCD received \$10,000 for implementation of grant.

CAI: Justin discussed with the board that there was more Dalmatian Toadflax spraying had been completed for the year. Justin was there overseeing the spraying. Discussion was had on the spraying and the board discussed that they believe this area should be marked as a Noxious Weed Area so no activity is done in the area and the Toadflax is spread to other areas.

Aquatic Invasive Species Grant: Justin discussed with the board that he has been working on this grant and has made maps of the boat launches and has inspected them and taken pictures. Darren discussed the funds that will be received and how we can spend this money. In 2014, the Kittson SWCD will receive \$8,000 and in 2015 will receive \$16,000. Money could be used to purchase signs for each boat launch.

NW Water Festival: Justin reported that he attended both events in Warren and Fertile, he was at the Groundwater station and he reported what the station discussed.

Darren Carlson gave the District Manager Report:

2015 Trees: Darren discussed that he has ordered the trees for the 2015 tree season.

Annual Convention: Darren reported to the board that he has not heard anything from Darwyn and Rory Anderson on if they want to attend the convention, he reported that Justin and himself will be attending the convention and if any board members want to attend, let the office know by November 7th.

Health Insurance: Deb Costin from the County came down and spoke to the board about the Counties Health Insurance. The County Commissioners need a written formal request from the board requesting the SWCD be added to the Counties Health Insurance. Motion was made by Dagen and Seconded by H. Peterson and unanimous vote of supervisors to write a formal request to the county for Health Insurance.

MASWCD Resolutions: Darren went through the MASWCD resolutions for the annual convention with the board.

November Board meeting: The November Board meeting will be held on Monday November 17th, 2014 at 8 AM at the Nordhem Restaurant in Karlstad.

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

Justin Dagen, Secretary

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J Dagen", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and cursive.