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**Minutes of the Meeting of
Kittson Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors
Held on September 9th, 2010**

The Board of Supervisors of the Kittson Soil & Water Conservation District held its regular scheduled meeting on Thursday, September 9, 2010, at the Kittson SWCD office located in Hallock, Minnesota.

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

Others present at the meeting were District Manager, Darren Carlson; District Coordinator, Joanne Quiner; Program Coordinator, Shane Olson; Program Analyst, James Schwab; and Technician, Mark Larson.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Klein.

The minutes of the August 12th, 2010, meeting was approved, upon a motion by Wilebski, seconded by Peterson, and unanimous vote of the supervisors.

Native Buffer funds: The minutes of the native Buffer funds meeting that was held June 29th, 2010, was approved, upon a motion by Peterson, seconded by Wilebski, and unanimous vote of the supervisors.

Upon a motion by Peterson, seconded by Anderson and unanimous vote the treasurer's report was approved as presented by Quiner. Upon a motion by Peterson, seconded by Anderson, and unanimous vote, for check #2879 through #2911 for the amount of \$16,070.35 for the month of August was approved as presented by Quiner.

Accounts receivable: Quiner reported that there are no accounts receivable for 2009.

Joanne Quiner gave the District Coordinator's report as follows:

Check signatures: Carlson presented a form for signatures for American Federal Bank as Charles Dziengel needs to be removed from the account.

Available Funds: The balances listed below are as of May 31st, unless otherwise noted: LWMP, \$5,921 County, \$2,183.82 SWCD; CLWP Dedicated Fund \$44,160; WCA, \$13,737 County, \$1,732.78 SWCD; Shoreland, \$1,516 County, \$465.59 SWCD; Feedlot, \$7,500 County, \$868.28 SWCD; SSTS, \$5,051 County, \$4,250 SWCD; and Beaver \$0.

Darren Carlson gave the District Manager's report as follows:

Administrator's meeting: Carlson attended an Administrator's meeting September 2nd.

New Bulletin Board: Carlson said NRCS purchased a new bulletin board. At the beginning of each month will highlight a cooperator/practice/program. They also rearranged cabinets and some other items (plaques).

County Local Water Plan (CLWP): Carlson met with the Kittson County Commissioners on August 17th. The commissioner's passed the resolution and Carlson sent a copy of it to BWSR.

2011 Annual Budget: Carlson met with the County Commissioners on 2011 Budget on August 17 with Quiner. The Commissioners had to cut over \$115,000 from all departments for 2011 and less Program aid for Kittson County for 2011 will be \$148,526. At the Local Administrators meeting on September 2nd, Marilyn Gustafson handed out the proposed 2011 budget for each department. SWCD appears will not be receiving additional funds and will receive the same amount as we did in 2010, which was \$39,027.

Clean Water Funds: Carlson said the Clean Water Fund request for proposal deadline is September 10th. It is a competitive application and there is \$12 million available for 2011. Carlson contacted the TRWD about possible projects. A couple projects talked about were culvert sizing in Richardville Township; streambank stabilization projects on the South Branch of the Two Rivers; and grass buffer/filter strips on State Ditch 91 & 95 to benefit the sedimentation and algae bloom in Lake Bronson. Most of the proposed area is in Roseau County and Carlson emailed over to the Roseau SWCD to see if a partnership can be worked out

between the TRWD and Roseau SWCD. He mailed 60 letters/surveys to landowners to see if there is interest.

Plotmaster: Carlson contacted Pat McMullen with the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation. They take grant applications for a 1:1 match for wildlife projects. Carlson will fill out their grant application paperwork. Carlson will also talk to Kelly Turgeon to see if the Minnesota Deer Hunters Association would be interested in any help with funding.

NW Water Festival: Carlson contacted the schools for numbers for the September 21st NW Water Festival in Warren and September 22nd at Rydell Refuge.

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

Plant materials tour: Larson attended the annual Area I plant materials tour which took place August 31st at Glacial Ridge near Mentor.

State Conservationist: The new NRCS State Conservationist Don Baloun met with the office on August 17th along with Wilebski, Schwab, Larson and the Two Rivers Watershed District. They discussed agreements with SWCD and other potential incomes for the District.

EQIP: Schwab mentioned he will hold an EQIP Work Group meeting on September 23rd for the upcoming sign-up. He will be traveling to St Cloud to discuss EQIP with others from around the state.

WHIP: Schwab said USDA announced a WHIP sign-up coming up.

CLP: Schwab mentioned the Conservation Loan Program.

NEPA: Schwab mentioned that he has a NEPA meeting on September 21st.

ABC: Schwab mentioned the auditing system they have for their programs and it will take place on September 27th.

Hispanic Heritage Month: Schwab said that September-October is Hispanic Heritage month.

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

Staff meeting: Staff meetings were held on August 10th and September 7th.

Springbrook: Olson said the Springbrook PL-566 project keeps moving forward and he received contracts from FSA of parcels enrolled into CRP recently and forwarded them to Tim Fredbo at BWSR.

RIM Site Inspections: Olson performed 2 site inspections of RIM contracts in Kittson County. We have a total of 7 in the county and BWSR requests 2 or 3 be inspected every year.

AgBMP: Olson presented an AgBMP application for Tracy Bergh for tillage equipment for \$14,500. Upon a motion by Peterson, seconded by Anderson and unanimous vote to approve Tract bergh's application for tillage equipment from new funds through American Federal bank on Hallock. The current application order is as follows: Sevrin Anderson, Todd Sorenson and Joel Lindegard through Ag Country Farm Credit Services.

State Cost Share: Olson said that Bruce Gunderson told him that someone from Lake Bronson is interested in a well sealing. Gunderson told them to contact us, however they haven't as of yet.

Greenwood Cemetery: Olson said he submitted report to BWSR for expenditures for the Greenwood Cemetery grant funds. Total expenditures for the Cemetery Association, meetings held and so forth was \$35,595.60. Severts says it is a 1:1 match, so the Cemetery Association will receive \$17,797.80 and \$7,202.20 will need to be sent back to BWSR. Quiner stated a CD will expire on August 20th. Upon a motion by Peterson, seconded by Anderson, and a unanimous vote, to pay the Greenwood Cemetery Association \$17,797.80 and send back to BWSR \$7,202.20.

WCA Violations: Kittson County performed restoration for the County Ditch violation North of Goldstrand's in Cannon Township and Olson was out and looked at it.

WCA TEP's: Looked at some sites for WCA with Larry Pulchalski of the COE and Bill Best from BWSR. They looked at a proposed project for Dagen. They also looked at CD 16 and CSAH 38 for Kittson County. Olson requested some dates for them to come up and look at sites for Brian Nelson in McKinley Township, who wants to build roads.

WCA Best: Bill Best resigned, however Olson hadn't heard the details as of why. He said Dale Krystosek will temporarily take over Best's work area.

WCA TEP: Olson requested COE and Bill Best to provide possible dates to meet for a technical evaluation panel (TEP) for Dagen.

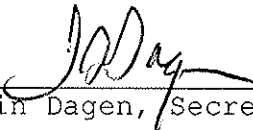
MACFO Conference: Olson said the Minnesota Association of County Feedlot Officers (MACFO) conference will be held in October in New Ulm. He is uncertain if he will attend.

MACFO site visits: Olson said as required by MPCA, he will perform two sites visits in the near future. He said he spoke to Mark Langehaug about visiting his feedlot.

Newsletter: Olson said the newsletter was sent out on September 8th.

October Board meeting: The next scheduled Board meeting is October 14th.

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


Justin Dagen, Secretary