



Minutes from the April 17, 2023, Board Meeting

The regular monthly board meeting of the Wadena Soil and Water Conservation District was held at 7:30 a.m. in person at the Sheriff's Building at the fairgrounds.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Bruce Juntunen at 7:30 a.m.

Members Present:

Chair: Bruce Juntunen
Vice Chair: Tom Schulz
Treasurer: Brett Dailey
Secretary: Ken Berg
Public Relations: Jerry Kern

Others Present:

County Commissioner: Murlyn Kreklau
NRCS District Conservationist: Ivan Reinke
EOT Liaison: Bruce Albright
District Manager: Darren Newville
Assistant District Manager: Anne Oldakowski

Adopt Agenda: Motion made by Tom Schulz, second by Brett Dailey to adopt the agenda with no additions. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Approve Board Meeting Minutes: Motion made by Ken Berg, second by Jerry Kern to approve last month's Board Meeting Minutes. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Motion made by Tom Schulz, second by Ken Berg to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Bills Paid and Bills Payable: Motion made by Ken Berg, second by Tom Schulz to approve the Bills Paid and Bills Payable as presented. Opposed: none, motion carried. *Note: add Area VIII dues for \$275.00.*

Cost Share: The following policies were discussed: Irrigation practices, Rock Rip Rap Projects, and No till/Strip till. Darren will bring back information in formal writing at the next meeting for these policies.

County Commissioner's Report:

- Valuations notices went out to landowners.
- Tomorrow will be the final voting on applying to purchase TCF lands through LSOHC. The SWCD would support this application.

District Manager's Report: Presented by Darren Newville.

NRCS District Conservationist's Report: Presented by Ivan Reinke

- EQIP – more money coming in and new applications.
- CSP – modifications, interviewed classic sign-up applications.

The Wadena Soil & Water Conservation District seeks to achieve and maintain the highest quality and quantity of natural resources possible through wise stewardship for now and the future of human and financial means available.



- IRA – about \$700,000 in NE area, 3 applications were ranked.
- Met with Mitchell w/SWCD on Friday to discuss potential unfunded NRCS applications that would fit our cost share program.

*Merlyn Kreklau left the meeting at 8:35 a.m.

Other Agency Reports: Bruce Albright, EOT SWCD Liaison introduced himself.

Forestry Update: Meeting on May 18th to focus on resolutions, SFIA updates, tubing for trees. Cass SWCD rejoined.

TSA 8 Report: Tom noted that the \$ 4,333 paid is our share of the state match. Darren showed the policy adopted at their last meeting. We will need to invoice for any work we do. The remaining TSA inventory will be dispersed by auction.

Meetings/Trainings: No meetings to approve with fees attached.

Long Prairie 1W1P: Motion made by Tom Schulz, second by Ken Berg to sign the agreement. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Shared Position: Discussed share position between OT County, U of M Extension, and potentially EOT/Wadena SWCD's. Possible upcoming meeting to discuss position and what the SWCD needs (agriculture) are. It was suggested that we invite Wadena County extension agent, Kimberly Dailey.

Public Comments:

- MASWCD put out a call for resolutions so be thinking about those.
- Question as to when the next Area VIII meeting will be.
- LiDar data for PTMApp – when will it be updated.

Meeting Adjourned: Motion made at 8:53 a.m. by Ken Berg, second by Jerry Kern to adjourn. Opposed: none, motion carried.