



Minutes from the July 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 7:28 a.m.

Members Present:

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

Others Present:

County Commissioner: Murlyn Kreklau
NRCS District Conservationist: Ivan Reinke
District Manager: Darren Newville
Assistant District Manager: Anne Oldakowski
Administrative Secretary: Chantal Tougas
District Technician: Mitch Janson

Adopt Agenda: Motion made by Brett Dailey, second by Tom Schulz to adopt the agenda as presented. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Approve Board Meeting Minutes: Motion made by Tom Schulz, second by Ken Berg to approve May Board Meeting Minutes. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Motion made by Brett Dailey, second by Jerry Kern to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Bills Paid and Bills Payable: Motion made by Tom Schulz, second by Brett Dailey to approve the Bills Paid and Bills Payable as presented. Opposed: none, motion carried.

COST SHARE

LCCMR Cost Share:

02-2023; Dailey, Brett; Authorization to approve payment for a forest stewardship plan, with a total cost of \$1,362.00, cost share payment not to exceed \$1,021.50 or 75%, whichever is less in Leaf River Township, section 13. (118 acres, written by Anne) Motion made by Tom Schulz, second by Jerry Kern to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried. *Please note that Brett Dailey abstained from voting.*

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Redeye WBIF Cost Share:

2023-RE01; Schreiner, Paul; authorization to amend cost share amount for his tree planting. The original cost estimate was \$8,930.00 and final cost was \$9,315.64. The cost share encumbered amount would change from \$6,697.50 to \$7,083.14. In North Germany Township, section 15. Motion made by Tom Schulz, second by Ken Berg to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

2023-RE01; Schreiner, Paul; authorization to approve payment for his tree planting, with a total cost of \$9,315.64, cost share payment not to exceed \$7,083.14 or 75%, whichever is less in North Germany Township, section 15. Motion made by Tom Schulz, second by Ken Berg to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

State Cost Share:

P22-5742-01; Callahan, Stacy; Authorization to encumber funds for a field windbreak, with a total cost of \$494.07, cost-share payment not to exceed \$370.55 or 75%, whichever is less in Aldrich Township, section 26. Motion made by Ken Berg, second by Jerry Kern to approve.

County Commissioner's Report: The county working on a Housing Tax Abatement Policy for Single & Twin homes. They are also working on the budget process.

7:50 a.m. Mitch Janson left the meeting

District Manager's Report: Presented by Darren Newville.

NRCS District Conservationist's Report: Presented by Ivan Reinke

- EQIP – There are new applications coming in. August 6th is the deadline for the first round. Payment rates and caps looking to increase for new contracts.
- Climate Smart Ag practices – 1 funded this year.
- CSP – Finishing up for obligation.
- Attended the Area VIII Meeting.
- SINEW admin has been helping out.

Other Agency Reports: None.

Forestry Update: There is a meeting in McGregor this Thursday. RIM easements update, DNR update, and Arrowhead Forest Partnership update on the agenda. There is also an optional mining site visit held after the meeting.

TSA 8 Report: All is good.

Meetings/Trainings: None.

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SWCD Aid Resolution – Motion made by Tom Schulz, second by Jerry Kern to approve the resolution with revisions. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Budget: Motion made by Ken Berg, second by Brett Dailey to approve the budget to be submitted to the county. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Personnel: The U of M Extension position may be offered mid-week. Mitch Janson is taking over Nathan’s position. Nicole has resigned.

MASWCD Awards: Motion made by Brett Dailey, second by Jerry Kern to nominate Central Lakes College for Conservation Cooperator at the Convention in December. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Public Comments: none.

Meeting Adjourned: Motion made at 8:49 a.m.