



Minutes from the August 15, 2022, 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 Ken Berg at 7:30 a.m.

Members Present:

Chair: Ken Berg
Vice Chair: Bruce Juntunen
Treasurer: Tom Schulz
Secretary: Nancy Benson
Public Relations: Brett Dailey

Others Present:

County Commissioner: Murlyn Kreklau
NRCS Soil Conservation Technician: Ivan Reinke
District Manager: Darren Newville
Ass't District Manager: Anne Oldakowski
Admin, Ed, & Outreach Asst: Kristi Rorah

Adopt Agenda: Added BWSR Academy and awards under public comments. Motion made by Tom Schulz, seconded by Brett Dailey, to adopt the agenda with additions. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Approve Board Meeting Minutes: Motion made by Nancy Benson, seconded by Bruce Juntunen to approve the previous month Board Meeting Minutes. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Motion made by Tom Schulz, seconded by Brett Dailey to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Bills Paid and Bills Payable: Motion made by Tom Schulz, seconded by Bruce Juntunen, to approve the Bills Paid and Bills Payable as presented. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Cost Share:

Redeye WBIF Cost Share:

2022-RE04; Kempe, Brad; Authorization to approve partial payment for an irrigation conversion, with total cost so far of \$16,294.50, cost share payment not to exceed \$3,058.30 or 75%, whichever is less in Wadena Township, section 36. *Landowner receiving EQIP funds for this project also, not to exceed 75% of the total cost of the project. Motion made by Brett Dailey, seconded by Tom Schulz to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

2022-RE06; Franklin, David; Authorization to encumber funds for a forest stewardship plan, with total cost of \$1,380.00, cost share payment not to exceed \$1,035 or 75%, whichever is less in Lyons Township, section 32. Motion made by Nancy Benson, seconded by Tom Schulz to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

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DC 2018 Cost Share:

DC 2018-01; Derby, Jim; authorization to amend this contract due to increased hours by contractor needed to close the pit. Total cost of \$6,100 (up from \$5,700), with cost share payment not to exceed \$4,575.00 or 75% (up from \$4,275), whichever is less in Wadena Township, section 34. Motion made by Brett Dailey, seconded by Tom Schulz to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

DC 2018-01; Derby, Jim; authorization to approve payment for an ag waste pit closure, with total cost of \$6,100, cost share payment not to exceed \$4,575.00 or 75%, whichever is less in Wadena Township, section 34. Motion made by Brett Dailey, seconded by Bruce Juntunen to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

DC 2018-02; Meech, Reese; authorization to encumber funds for cover crops. This is a three-year contract for a total flat rate in the amount of \$7,200 (\$15/acre for 160 acres) in Orton Township, possible sections 14,15,16,21,22,25,36 and Lyons Township section 2. Landowner is not sure which fields yet until this fall's harvest. Motion made by Nancy Benson, seconded by Tom Schulz to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

District Manager's Report: as written and reported by Darren Newville.

NRCS District Conservationist's Report: 5 CRP plans have been written, with 4 plans moving forward. NRCS has received 2 more CSP applications and has 2 RCPP contracts.

County Commissioner's Report:

- Budget committee will be meeting Thursday
- The county is looking into hvac upgrades for the courthouse.

Other Agency Reports: none

Forestry Update: presented by Tom Schulz

- Attended Tina Smith hearing at Grand Rapids, there was good discussion about programs and what is needed.
- Attended meeting at Marcell Experimental Forest. The site conducts research into effects of warmer temperatures and increased carbon dioxide.

Water Plan Update: Long Prairie Watershed plan: discussion regarding resolution in support of the one watershed one plan submittal. Motion made by Tom Schulz, seconded by Nancy Benson to approve signing the resolution in support of the Long Prairie Watershed plan. Opposed: none, motion carried.

TSA 8 Report: There will be an online meeting coming up, date to be determined.

Meetings/Trainings:

- MWPCP Training for WCA for Mitchell; Motion made by Nancy Benson, seconded by Brett Dailey to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

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- Area 8 Tour; Tom and Nancy attending both days, Bruce and Anne attending tour only, Darren attending meeting only. Motion made by Brett Dailey, seconded by Bruce Juntunen to approve attendance as discussed. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Marco Agreement: Motion made by Tom Schulz, seconded by Bruce Juntunen to approve extending the contract for the current machine. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Public Comments: MASWCD awards

- Conservationist award: Dean Clarksean; Motion made by Brett Dailey, seconded by Tom Schulz to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.
- Forestry award: Les Schwartz; Motion made by Tom Schulz, seconded by Bruce Juntunen to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.
- Educator award: none this year

Meeting Adjourned: Meeting adjourned at 8:59 a.m.