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November 16, 2026
WADENA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Regular Monthly Board Meeting to be held at 7:30 a.m.
in person at Wadena Sheriff Building • 500 Birch Ave NW • Wadena, MN (at the fairgrounds)
Members may be participating by interactive technology.

Agenda

1. Call Meeting to Order by Chairperson Tom Schulz
2. Adopt Agenda
3. Approve the last month's Board Meeting Minutes
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Bills Paid and Bills Payable
   - NACD 2027 Membership
6. Cost Share
7. County Commissioner's Report
8. District Manager's Report
9. District Conservationist's Report
10. Other Agency Reports

OLD BUSINESS

11. Forestry Update
12. TSA Update

NEW BUSINESS

13. Meetings and Trainings
14. Soil Management Summit scholarships
15. Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) policy and guidance
16. New photos of board members for website and YIR
17. Public Comments
18. Adjourn

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 within the limits of human and financial means available.

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Date	Meeting
11/16/2026	Wadena SWCD Board Meeting
11/18/2026	EOT SWCD Board Meeting
11/26-27/2026	*Thanksgiving Holiday – Offices Closed*
11/30 – 12/2/20206	MASWCD Annual Meeting/Convention
12/16/2026	EOT SWCD Board Meeting
12/21/2026	Wadena SWCD Board Meeting

Minutes from October 19, 2026, 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 Vice Chair Ken Berg at 7:32 a.m.

Members Present:	Vice Chair: Ken Berg Treasurer: Jerry Kern Public Relations: Bruce Juntunen Secretary: Brett Dailey
Others Present:	NRCS District Conservationist: Ivan Reinke District Manager: Darren Newville Assistant District Manager: Anne Oldakowski District Technician: Savanna Anderson Education & Outreach Admin Assistant: Kristi Rorah County Commissioner: Murlyn Kreklau
Attending Remotely:	Chair: Tom Schulz

Vice Chair Ken Berg ran the meeting as Chair Tom Schulz is attending remotely. Votes will be by roll call.

***Adopt Agenda*:** Motion made by Jerry Kern, second by Bruce Juntunen, to adopt the agenda. Berg, Kern, Juntunen, Dailey, Schulz voted yes. Opposed: none, motion carried.

***Approved Board Meeting Minutes*:** Motion made by Bruce Juntunen, second by Brett Dailey, to approve last month's Board Meeting Minutes. Berg, Kern, Juntunen, Dailey, Schulz voted yes. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Motion made by Jerry Kern, second by Brett Dailey, to approve the Treasurer's Report. Berg, Kern, Juntunen, Dailey, Schulz voted yes. Opposed: none, motion carried.

***Bills Paid and Bills Payable*:** With the addition of the bill from Peterson for the yearly audit, motion made by Bruce Juntunen, second by Jerry Kern, to approve the Bills Paid and Bills Payable as presented. Berg, Kern, Juntunen, Dailey, Schulz voted yes. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Cost Share

Redeye WBIF

8-C25-0118-20; Daryll Huwe; Rockwood township, section 30; is requesting final payment for a multi-species cover crop on 6.5 acres. The flat rate payment for the project is $227.50, which is $35/acre.

Motion made by Tom Schulz, second by Brett Dailey to approve. Berg, Kern, Juntunen, Dailey, Schulz voted yes. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Crow Wing WBIF

8-C25-0310-15; Jon Krause; Thomastown township, section 34; is requesting final payment for a fertigation pump conversion. The total cost of the project was $10,415.70, with cost share payment of $7,811.76, which is 75%. Motion made by Brett Dailey, second by Jerry Kern to approve. Kern, Juntunen, Dailey, Schulz voted yes; Berg abstained. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Soil Health Practices RCPP

80-1-5; Peterson, Michael; Meadow Township, section 32; is requesting final payment for a single-species cover crop practice on 104 acres. The flat rate payment is $2,600.00, which is $25/acre. Motion made by Bruce Juntunen, second by Jerry Kern to approve. Berg, Kern, Juntunen, Dailey, Schulz voted yes. Opposed: none, motion carried.

80-1-06; Nate Witthuhn; Wadena Township, Section 8; is requesting final payment for a single-species cover crop on 37.95 acres. The flat rate payment is $948.75, which is $25.00/acre. Motion made by Brett Dailey, second by Jerry Kern to approve. Berg, Kern, Juntunen, Dailey, Schulz voted yes. Opposed: none, motion carried.

80-1-07; Ron Perish; Redeye Township, Sections 5, 9, 16; is requesting final payment for a single-species cover crop on 78.26 acres. The flat rate payment for the project is $1,956.50, which is $25.00/acre. Motion made by Tom Schulz, second by Bruce Juntunen to approve. Berg, Kern, Juntunen, Dailey, Schulz voted yes. Opposed: none, motion carried.

County Commissioner's Report: Presented by Commissioner Kreklau. The county is currently working on a levy. The state has stopped funding the sentence to serve program and some other costs are shifting to the county. The county will be hiring a part-time employee as ditch inspector. The county will be holding public meetings on ditches and has held two preliminary meetings with landowners.

District Manager's Report: Read by Darren Newville.

NRCS District Conservationist's Report: Read by Ivan Reinke.

Other Agency Reports: None present

Forestry Update: Presented by Tom Schulz; There will not be a meeting in October, the next meeting will be in November. The Forestry Assn will give a presentation at the MASWCD meeting.

TSA 8 Report: Presented by Tom Schulz; The next meeting is scheduled for November 4, 2026.

Meetings: No new meetings to report. Jerry, Bruce, and Tom are planning to attend the annual convention.

Resolutions: There were eight resolutions put forward for this year. Each resolution was discussed and supervisors' positions were recorded to be entered online by staff.

*Murlyn Kreklau left the meeting at 9:43 a.m.

Public Comments:

- Darren presented a proposal that Alyson and Savanna have been working on for local soil health assessment trials. Motion made by Brett Dailey, second by Bruce Juntunen, to move forward with further development of the proposal and updating of budget information. Berg, Kern, Juntunen, Dailey, Schulz voted yes. Opposed: none, motion carried.
- Darren presented an update on the Aldrich dam project. Project will be pushed out to 2028.
- Darren discussed the idea for a potential demonstration farm in East Otter Tail.
- Savanna was just approved for JAA for cover crops. Motion made by Brett Dailey, second by Jerry Kern, to approve the JAA. Berg, Kern, Juntunen, Dailey, Schulz voted yes. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned: Meeting adjourned at 9:12 a.m.