



## MINUTES FROM JANUARY 15, 2025, BOARD MEETING

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*The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Lyle Dittmann at 7:30 a.m.*

**Members Present:** Chairperson: Lyle Dittmann  
Vice Chair: Steve Inwards  
Secretary: Terry Greenwaldt  
Treasurer: Bruce Albright  
Public Relations: Wayne Enger (via Teams)

**Others Present:** County Commissioner: Dan Bucholz  
NRCS District Conservationist: Troy Baumgart  
District Manager: Darren Newville  
Ass't District Manager: Anne Oldakowski  
Administrative Assistant: Chantal Tougas

**Oath of Office:** Re-elected members Steve Inwards, Terry Greenwaldt, and Bruce Albright recited the Oath of Office.

**Reorganization:** Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Steve Inwards to continue with current organization of board appointments. A vote was held, by roll call, and all members voted in favor of the motion. Opposed: none, motion carried. Motion made by Lyle Dittmann, second by Terry Greenwaldt to continue with current committee appointments. A vote was held, by roll call, and all members voted in favor of the motion. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**Agenda:** Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Terry Greenwaldt to adopt the agenda with the addition of the Fairgrounds under old business. A vote was held, by roll call, and all members voted in favor of the motion. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**Board Meeting Minutes:** Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Bruce Albright to approve the previous Board Meeting Minutes as presented. A vote was held, by roll call, and all members voted in favor of the motion. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Motion made by Bruce Albright, seconded by Terry Greenwaldt, to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented, subject to audit. A vote was held, by roll call, and all members voted in favor of the motion. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**Bills Paid & Bills Payable:** Motion made by Steve Inwards, second by Terry Greenwaldt, to approve the Bills Paid and Bills Payable as presented. A vote was held, by roll call, and all members voted in favor of the motion. Opposed: none, motion carried.



#### [REDEYE WBIF C25-0118 \(3.0\)](#)

**6-C25-0118-03;** Mark & Wendy Telehey; Leaf Lake Township, section 21; are requesting cost share assistance for a shoreline critical area planting. The estimated cost of the project is \$3,504.00 with cost share of \$2,628.00 or 75%, whichever is less. Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Steve Inwards to approve. A vote was held, by roll call, and all members voted in favor of the motion. Opposed: none, motion carried.

***District Manager's Report:*** Presented by Darren Newville.

***District Conservationist's Report:*** Presented by Troy Baumgart.

***County Commissioner's Report:***

- The side roads in Perham contain lead. Plans to dig up the roads to eliminate are in discussion now.
- Lake Region Electric Co-operative is discussing a \$6.50/bill increase in Electric bills. CEO Thompson is set to move to Crow Wing.
- Solar panels are being discussed.
- EMS: Hubbard County/Walker would like to retain service from the County

***Other Agency Reports:*** none present.

#### ***Old Business***

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***TSA Update:*** The south pod met yesterday. Next meeting is February 27, 2025 with a new contract coming. 2025 Final Budget

***Budget:*** Due to some cost decreases the budget needed to be adjusted. Motion made by Steve Inwards, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve the 2025 Final Budget. A vote was held, by roll call, and all members voted in favor of the motion. Opposed: none, motion carried.

***Renewal of Agreement for Service Between EOT SWCD and Wadena SWCD:*** Motion made by Steve Inwards, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve the continuation of the Joint Agreement between the two districts. A vote was held, by roll call, and all members voted in favor of the motion. Opposed: none, motion carried.

***Fairgrounds Update:*** The draft rental agreement has been received and reviewed.

#### ***New Business***

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***Meetings and Trainings:*** MASWCD Legislative Days March 4-5, 2025.

***Federal mileage rate:*** increases from .67 to .70. Motion made by Steve Inwards, second by Bruce Albright to approve. A vote was held, by roll call, and all members voted in favor of the motion. Opposed: none, motion carried.

***Per diem:*** currently at \$125.00. Motion made by Steve Inwards, second by Bruce Albright to keep the current rate. A vote was held, by roll call, and all members voted in favor of the motion. Opposed: none, motion carried.



**Official Newspaper:** Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Steve Inwards to keep the Perham Focus as the Official District Newspaper. A vote was held, by roll call, and all members voted in favor of the motion. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**Official Financial Institution:** Motion made by Steve Inwards, second by Terry Greenwaldt to keep the Bremer Bank as the Official District financial institution. A vote was held, by roll call, and all members voted in favor of the motion. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**Public Comments:** None.

**Adjourn:** Meeting was adjourned at 8:53 a.m.