



**January 15, 2025**  
**East Otter Tail Soil and Water Conservation District**  
**Regular Monthly Board Meeting to be held at 7:30 a.m.**  
**801 Jenny Ave SW, Perham MN 56573**

**Agenda**

1. Call meeting to order by Chairperson Lyle Dittmann
2. Oath of Office
3. Re-organization
  - ◆ Board of Supervisors – Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, and Public Relations
  - ◆ Supervisor Committee Appointments
4. Adopt Agenda
5. Approve previous month's Board Meeting Minutes
6. Treasurer's Report
7. Bills Paid and Payable
  - ◆ NACD sponsorship - \$750.00
  - ◆ Lakes Country Service Cooperative 2025 membership - \$130.00
  - ◆ MASWCD 2025 dues - \$5,452.87
  - ◆ MCIT 2025 renewal - \$22,411.00
  - ◆ MACAI 2025 dues - \$125.00
8. Cost-Share
9. District Manager's Report
10. District Conservationist's Report
11. County Commissioner's Report
12. Other Agency Reports

**Old Business**

13. TSA Update

**New Business**

14. Meetings and Trainings
15. Federal mileage rate increases from .67 to .70.
16. Per diem: currently \$125.00



17. Official Newspaper
18. Official Financial Institution
19. Public Comments
20. Adjourn



## MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 18, 2024, 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  
Secretary: Terry Greenwaldt  
Treasurer: Bruce Albright

**Members Absent:** Vice Chair: Steve Inwards  
Public Relations: Wayne Enger

**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

**Agenda:** Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Bruce Albright to adopt the agenda. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**Approve Board Meeting Minutes:** Motion made by Bruce Albright, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve the Board Meeting Minutes as presented. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, seconded by Bruce Albright, to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented, subject to audit. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**Bills Paid & Bills Payable:** Motion made by Bruce Albright, second by Terry Greenwaldt, to approve the Bills Paid and Bills Payable as presented. Opposed: none, motion carried.

### [REDEYE WBIF\(2.0\) – C22-7830](#)

**6-C22-7830-04;** Ken Sakry; Compton Township, Section 32; is requesting partial payment for his Irrigation Water Management. This is a 3-year flat-rate contract with the first-year payment of \$500.00. Motion by Bruce Albright, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**6-C22-7830-05;** Ron Sakry; Deer Creek/Compton Township, Section 15; is requesting partial payment for his Irrigation Water Management. This is a 3-year flat-rate contract with the first-year payment of \$500.00. Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Bruce Albright to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**6-C22-7830-06;** Ryan Peppersack; Parkers Prairie Township, Section 10 & 29; is requesting partial payment for his Irrigation Water Management. This is a 3-year flat-rate contract with the first-year payment of \$500.00. Motion by Bruce Albright, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.



## OTTER TAIL WBIF(2.0) – C25-0116

**6-C25-0116-07;** David Uhren; Folden township, section 19; is requesting final payment for his ag waste pit closure. The final cost was \$13,345.00 with cost share of \$10,008.75, which is 75% of the cost. Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Bruce Albright to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**6-C23-4546-19;** Mark Riestenberg; Edna Township, Section 23; is requesting partial payment for his Irrigation Water Management. This is a 3-year flat-rate contract with the first-year payment of \$500.00. Motion by Bruce Albright, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**6-C23-4546-27;** Suzanne Tweeten, et al; Dora township, section 8; is requesting the final payment for her forest stewardship plan for 74 acres. The final cost was \$570.00 with cost share of \$427.50, which is 75% of the cost. Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Bruce Albright to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

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

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

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

- Cannabis is the hot topic again this month.
- Recycling curbside to go County wide.
- State of MN gave \$150k for (3) Sprint EMS cars.
- OTC will be assisting the City of Vergas with their Shoreline Ordinance. Ottertail & Battle Lake have expressed interest as well.
- Lee Rogness retire December 17, 2024.

**Other Agency Reports:** none present.

### **Old Business**

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**TSA Update:** The audit needs approval. The southern pod will meet in January.

### **New Business**

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### **Meetings/Trainings:**

- Motion made by Bruce Albright, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve the 2025 meeting schedule with a few corrections of dates. Opposed: none, motion carried.
- Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Bruce Albright to approve those attending Private Lands Training. Opposed none, motion carried.
- Motion made by Bruce Albright, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve those attending the Stearns County Shoreland Training. Opposed: none, motion carried

**Soil Health:** Motion made by Bruce Albright, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve a \$500.00 sponsorship for the tour. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**LCSC JPA:** Motion made by Bruce Albright, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve Joint Powers Agreement with Lakes Country Service Cooperative for 2025 Health Insurance agreement. Opposed: none, motion carried.



**Public Comments:** None.

**Personnel Committee:** This was a closed meeting between board members and the District Manager. All other staff left the meeting. Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Bruce Albright to approve those recommendations presented by the Personnel Committee. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**Adjourn:** Meeting was adjourned at 9:29 a.m.