



MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 19, 2025, BOARD MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Lyle Dittmann at 7:31 a.m.

Members Present: Chairperson: Lyle Dittmann
Vice Chair: Steve Inwards
Secretary: Terry Greenwaldt
Treasurer: Bruce Albright

Members Absent: Public Relations: Wayne Enger

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

Agenda: Motion made by Steve Inwards, second by Terry Greenwaldt to adopt the agenda with the addition of the Frontier Precision under 16. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Board Meeting Minutes: Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Steve Inwards to approve the previous Board Meeting Minutes as presented. 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 Bruce Albright, second by Terry Greenwaldt, to approve the Bills Paid and Bills Payable as presented. Opposed: none, motion carried.

COST SHARE

REDEYE WBIF C22-7830 (2.0)

6-C22-7830-02; Joe Fraki; Leaf Lake/Newton Townships, sections 12/33; is requesting the first-year payment for his Irrigation Water Management practice. The total approved for the three-year flat rate contract was \$1,500.00, with the first-year payment of \$500.00. Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Steve Inwards to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.



OTTER TAIL WBIF C23-4546-28 (1.0)

6-C23-4546-28; RD Offutt Farms Co; Gorman Township, section 20; is requesting a contract amendment for their grade stabilization project due to an increase in the cost of the project. The original estimated cost of the project was \$10,765.15 with an approved payment of \$8,073.86 and the new project cost is \$11,540.15. The new payment amount would be \$8,655.11, which is 75% of the total cost. Motion made by Bruce Albright, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

6-C23-4546-28; RD Offutt Farms Co; Gorman Township, section 20; is requesting final payment for their grade stabilization project. The final cost was \$11,540.15, with cost share of \$8,655.11, which is 75% of the total cost. Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Steve Inwards to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

OTTER TAIL WBIF C25-0116 (2.0)

6-C25-0116-11; Gretchen Larson c/o Adam Plummer; Candor Township, sections 14; is requesting final payment for their forest stewardship plan. The total cost of the project was \$2,000.00 with an approved payment of \$1,500.00 which is 75% of the total cost. Motion made by Steve Inwards, second by Bruce Albright to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

CONSERVATION CONTRACTS P24-0274

P24-0274-03; Dean Greenwalt; Oak Valley Township, section 7; is requesting approval of his conservation cover practice. The total estimated cost of the practice is \$1,100.00, with a cost share payment of \$825.00 or 75% whichever is less. Motion made by Bruce Albright, second by Steve Inwards to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Forest Management Cost Share policy changes were discussed. Motion made by Bruce Albright, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve those recommendations by staff. Oppose: none, motion carried.

District Manager's Report: Presented by Darren Newville.

District Conservationist's Report: Presented by Troy Baumgart.

County Commissioner's Report:

- Tom Gile from BWSR was the guest speaker at a Drainage Ditch meeting in February and was very informative.
- 3 roundabouts are in the future for Hwy 78, however, a speed study will be conducted first.
- EMS still having issues. Ringdahl Ambulance Service wants to reduce what they provide from ALS (Advanced Life Support) to BLS (Basic Life Support).

Other Agency Reports: BWSR – Pete Waller

The three pots of money where our funding comes from are: General Fund, Clean Water Fund, and Bonding Fund. The Clean Water Fund (WBIF) is proposed at \$90m for the biennium. The Bonding Fund is for road replacement, RIM, CREP.

Old Business



TSA Update: Motion made by Steve Inwards, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve signing the Agreement for Services. Opposed: none, motion carried.

LCCMR Forestry Pilot: After discussion a motion made by Steve Inwards, second by Terry Greenwaldt to not extend this grant for another 1-3 years. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Fairgrounds Rental Agreement: After discussion a motion made by Bruce Albright, second by Lyle Dittmann, to approve the 25 year rental agreement with the City of Perham. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

9:00 a.m. Terry left the meeting

New Business

Meetings and Trainings: Motion made by Steve Inwards, second by Bruce Albright to authorize out of state travel and to approve expense for Darren to attend the NACD Fly-in meeting in Washington DC. Wadena SWCD has approved sharing 50% of costs. Opposed: none, motion carried. Motion made by Steve Inwards, second by Bruce Albright for those to attend the outreach training. Opposed: none, motion carried. The Area meeting date has not been set yet.

RCP Soil Health Grant: Motion made by Steve Inwards, second by Bruce Albright to move forward with submitting this grant request. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Cintas Agreement: Motion made by Bruce Albright, second by Steve Inwards to sign and continue the contract. Motion made by Bruce Albright, second by Steve Inwards to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Frontier Precision: Motion made by Steve Inwards, second by Bruce Albright to approve updating the software on the Trimble. Motion made by Steve Inwards, second by Bruce Albright to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Staffing: Motion made by Steve Inwards, second by Bruce Albright to authorize advertising for 2 Summer Intern positions. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Public Comments: None.

Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned at 9:35 a.m.