



February 19, 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**

**Wayne Enger will be attending remotely from 17222 White Water Ct, Ft Meyers, FL 33931*

Agenda

1. Call meeting to order by Chairperson Lyle Dittmann
2. Adopt Agenda
3. Approve previous month's Board Meeting Minutes
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Bills Paid and Payable
6. Cost-Share
 - Forest Management Plan cost share policy
7. District Manager's Report
8. District Conservationist's Report
9. County Commissioner's Report
10. Other Agency Reports

Old Business

11. TSA Update
12. LCCMR Forestry Pilot – discussion on 3-year grant extension
13. Fairgrounds rental agreement with the City of Perham (new building) – Approval of agreement

New Business

14. Meetings and Trainings
 - NACD Fly-in Washington DC, Darren – March 25-27 – MASWCD request
15. Soil Health Grant – request for interest
16. Cintas service agreement renewal
17. Public Comments
18. Adjourn



Date	Meeting
2/19/2025	EOT SWCD Board Meeting
3/4/2025	Irrigation and Nutrient Management Clinic – New York Mills
3/4/2025-3/5/2025	MASWCD Legislative Days
3/17/2025	Wadena SWCD Board Meeting
3/19/2025	EOT SWCD Board Meeting
4/16/2025	EOT SWCD Board Meeting
4/21/2025	Wadena SWCD Board Meeting



MINUTES FROM JANUARY 15, 2025, BOARD MEETING

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

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

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.