



MINUTES FROM MARCH 19, 2025, BOARD MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Treasurer Bruce Albright at 7:31 a.m.

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

Members Absent: Vice Chair: Steve Inwards

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
Wadena SWCD Liaison: Bruce Juntunen

Agenda: Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Wayne Enger to adopt the agenda with the addition of CD's under Treasurers Report, Marc Ree under Cost Share, and under Public Comments: Water Cooler and Envirothon Donation. 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 Bruce Albright, second by Terry Greenwaldt 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 Terry Greenwaldt, seconded by Wayne Enger, 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. Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Wayne Enger to re-invest CD's 3468 & 0972 for 6 months @ 4% and CD 4678 for 3 months @ 4%. 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 Wayne Enger, 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.

COST SHARE

OTTER TAIL WBIF C25-0116 (2.0)

6-C25-0116-11; Gretchen Larson c/o Adam Plummer; Candor Township, section 14; is requesting to amend the landowner's name on the contract to Vergas Ranch Properties LLC with final payment for their forest stewardship plan reissued to Vergas Ranch Properties LLC (the prior check will be voided). 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 Terry Greenwaldt, second by Wayne Enger to approve. A vote was held, by roll call, and all members voted in favor of the motion. Opposed: none, motion carried.

OTTER TAIL WBIF C23-4546 (1.0)

6-C23-4546-31; Dittmann LLC; Homestead Township, sections 29 & 30; is requesting cost share assistance for his forest stewardship plan for 120 acres. The estimated cost is \$1,380.00 with cost share of \$690.00 or 50%, whichever is less. The landowner is enrolling in 2C tax class so capped at 50% per new policy. Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve. A vote was held, by roll call, and all members voted in favor of the motion. Opposed: none, motion carried.

CONSERVATION CONTRACTS P24-0274

P24-0274-04; Marc Ree; Elmo Township, section 9; is requesting cost share assistance for his tree and shrub planting. The estimated cost is \$525.00 with cost share of \$393.75 or 75%, whichever is less. Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Wayne Enger to approve. A vote was held, by roll call, and all members voted in favor of the motion. Opposed: none, motion carried.

7:51 a.m. Lyle entered the meeting and took over as Chair to run the rest of the meeting.

District Manager's Report: Presented by Darren Newville.

District Conservationist's Report: Presented by Troy Baumgart.

County Commissioner's Report:

- EMS – There is a meeting today in Battle Lake regarding how ND handles their EMS Services.
- New lighting discuss for the Government Building in Fergus Falls regarding replacing current with LEDs.
- The DNR will be looking into Head Lake in Richville since the Lake has been so dry.
- The population in Perham has grown by 200. If this continues Commissioners will have to re-district again.
- Michelle Fishbach will be in Perham at the City Hall today at 1 p.m.

Other Agency Reports: Wadena Supervisor – Bruce Juntuen attend the RDO MAWQCP Certification Celebration in Wadena.

Old Business

TSA Update: The Budget has been approved. A new engineering technician was hired by the Becker SWCD. They will be assisting with TSA work. Shared budgets for this position have not been adjusted. Discussions will happen at some point in the future.

Soil Health RCPP Grant: Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Bruce Albright to approve Darren to sign. A vote was held, by roll call, and all members voted in favor of the motion. Opposed: none, motion carried.



New Business

Meetings and Trainings: Motion made by Bruce Albright, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve Marcie to attend the TEP Training on April 16, 2025, for \$90.00. A vote was held, by roll call, and all members voted in favor of the motion. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Irrigation Scheduler Program: Discussion was held on the potential purchase of a Flow Meter.

Legislative Issues: Discussions being held at the Capital to reduce SWCD aid statewide from \$15m to \$12m. We are encouraging everyone to send letters, call, etc. to your representatives to encourage them to raise that number back up.

Public Comments: Motion made by Bruce Albright, second by Terry Greenwaldt to donate \$500 to the Area I Envirothon. A vote was held, by roll call, and all members voted in favor of the motion. Opposed: none, motion carried. Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Bruce Albright to approve the quote from Esser to install and new water cooler/water bottle filling station. This will replace the water delivery we currently have. A vote was held, by roll call, and all members voted in favor of the motion. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned at 8:56 a.m.