



MINUTES FROM APRIL 16, 2025, BOARD MEETING

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

Members Present: Chairperson: Lyle Dittmann
Vice Chair: Steve Inwards
Secretary: Terry Greenwaldt
Treasurer: Bruce Albright
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 Wayne Enger to adopt the agenda with the addition of 12b Flow Meter. 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 Wayne Enger, second by Terry Greenwaldt 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. Opposed: none, motion carried. Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Steve Inwards to re-invest CD's 2080 & 8767 for 6 months @ 4%. Opposed: none, motion carried.

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

COST SHARE

OTTER TAIL WBIF C23-4546 (1.0)

6-C23-4546-31; Dittmann LLC; Homestead Township, sections 29 & 30; is requesting payment for his forest stewardship plan for 120 acres. The total cost was \$1,245.00 with cost share of \$622.50 or 50%, whichever is less. The landowner is enrolling in 2C tax class so capped at 50% per new policy. Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Wayne Enger to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried. *Note: Lyle Dittmann abstained from casting a vote.*

OTTER TAIL WBIF C25-0116 (2.0)

6-C25-0116-12; Forrest Briard; Gorman Township, section 16; is requesting cost share assistance for an ag waste pit closure. The total estimated cost of the project is \$24,895.00 with cost share not to exceed \$15,000.00. Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Wayne Enger to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

REDEYE WBIF C22-7830 (2.0)

6-C22-7830-08; Pine Breeze Farms, Jeremy Sweere; Inman Township, section 26; is requesting cost share assistance for a well sealing. The estimated cost is \$700.00 with cost share of \$525.00 or 75%, whichever is less. Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Steve Inwards to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

CONSERVATION CONTRACTS

P24-0274-05; Thomas Schussler; Perham Township, section 35; is requesting cost share assistance for a tree and shrub establishment practice. The estimated cost is \$4,200.00 with cost share of \$3,150.00 or 75%, whichever is less. Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Steve Inwards to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

SOIL HEALTH DELIVERY

P25-0534-01; Ron Sakry; Deer Creek Township, section 15; is requesting cost share assistance for hosting the 2025 Soil Health Field Day. Cost share will be a flat rate payment of \$3,500.00. Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Steve Inwards to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Motion made by Steve Inwards, second by Wayne Enger to approve using the scoring sheet for the Soil Health RCPP Grant for ranking. Opposed: none, motion carried.

District Manager's Report: Presented by Darren Newville.

District Conservationist's Report: Presented by Troy Baumgart.

County Commissioner's Report:

- Met with Senator Rasmussen and Representative Murphy recently. Levy could go up 12%.
- The State's Cannabis Revenue was split between the 87 counties. Ottertail County's portion was \$2,100.
- There will be a meeting in May in New York Mills to discuss the Tiny House Project.
- The WOT Fair board, while they already have a large bank account, is requesting funding from the county.

Other Agency Reports: none present.

Old Business

TSA Update: nothing to report at this time.

Storage Building: Motion made by Lyle Dittman, second by Wayne Enger to approve the request for bid sheet and put it out for sealed bids. The Bid opening will be on May 20th 2025 at 9:00 am as part of a Building Committee Meeting. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Flow Meter: Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Bruce Albright to approve the purchase of an irrigation flow meter. Opposed: none, motion carried.



New Business

Meetings and Trainings: There are no meetings or trainings to approve at this time.

BWSR Irrigation RCPP: Motion made by Steve Inwards, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve District Manager to sign the Agreement for Services with Central Lakes College for \$20,000. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Resolutions: Start thinking about any resolution we should bring to MASWCD.

Fair Booth/Animal Sponsorship: Motion made by Bruce Albright, second by Wayne Enger to approve the fair booth fee of \$125 and \$400 for sponsoring the Conservation Building at the fair. Opposed: none, motion carried.

BOTF Sponsorship: Motion made by Steve Inwards, second by Wayne Enger to approve \$600 for Breakfast on the Farm again this year. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Public Comments: None

Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned at 9:20 a.m.