

# MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 19, 2022, BOARD MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Lyle Dittmann at 7:30 a.m.

Members Present: Chairperson: Lyle Dittmann

Vice Chairperson: Steve Inwards Secretary: Terry Greenwaldt Public Relations: Wayne Enger

Others Present: County Commissioner: Dan Bucholz

NRCS District Conservationist: Troy Baumgart

District Manager: Darren Newville

Assistant District Manager: Anne Oldakowski Education/Outreach Coordinator: Kristi Rorah

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

**Approve Board Meeting Minutes:** Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Wayne Enger to approve the previous month Board Meeting Minutes as presented. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report**: Motion made by Wayne Enger, 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 Terry Greenwaldt, to approve the 2021 Audit as presented. 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. Opposed: none, motion carried.

#### RED EYE IWIP IMPLEMENTATION GRANT

**C21-3238-10**; DJM Farms; Perham Township, Section 18, is requesting approval for a final payment for a Soil Moisture Sensor. The total cost of the project was \$ 4,209.73 with a cost share payment of \$ 2,500.00 which was the authorized amount. Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve payment. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**C21-3238-14**; Dale Schock; Aldrich Township, Section 25, is requesting approval for a final payment for a Soil Moisture Sensor. The total cost of the project was \$ 3,131.64 with a cost share payment of \$ 2,348.73 or 75% whichever is less. Motion made by Steve Inwards, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve payment. Opposed: none, motion carried.



**C21-3238-15**; Berry, Nathan; Authorization to approve payment for a forest stewardship plan, with total cost of \$1,358.25, cost share payment not to exceed \$1,018.69 or 75%, whichever is less in Blowers Township, sections 33, 34. (170.5 acres) Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Steve Inwards to approve payment. Opposed: none, motion carried.

## **COVER CROP**

**C21-9235-18**; Roy Olson Partnership; Elmo Township, Section 29, is requesting approval for a final payment for a Soil Moisture Sensor. The total cost of the project was \$ 4,500.00 with a cost share payment of \$ 2,500.00 which was the authorized amount. Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve payment. Opposed: none, motion carried.

#### **COVER CROP**

**CC5**; Huebsch Farms, Inc.; Otto Township, is requesting approval for a final payment for Cover Crop practice. Total amount authorized was \$10,800.00, previous payments of \$7,200.00, with final flat rate payment of \$3,600.00. Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Steve Inwards to approve payment. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**CC8**; Dwyane Woodbridge; Parkers Prairie Township, is requesting approval for a final payment for Cover Crop practice. Total amount authorized was \$10,800.00, previous payments of \$7,200.00, with final flat rate payment of \$3,600.00. Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve payment. Opposed: none, motion carried. *Note: Steve Inwards abstained from voting*.

**CC10;** Adam Minten; Butler Township, is requesting approval for a final payment for Cover Crop practice. Total amount authorized was \$13,500.00, previous payments of \$9,000.00, with final flat rate payment of \$4,500.00. Motion made by Steve Inwards, second by Wayne Enger to approve payment. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**CC14;** Trent Hagen; Elmo/Woodside Township, is requesting approval for a final payment for Cover Crop practice. Total amount authorized was \$13,500.00, previous payments of \$9,000.00, with final flat rate payment of \$4,500.00. Motion made by Steve Inwards, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve payment. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**CC16**; Olson & Sons; Parkers Prairie Township, is requesting approval for a final payment for Cover Crop practice. Total amount authorized was \$13,500.00, previous payments of \$9,000.00, with final flat rate payment of \$4,500.00. Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Wayne Enger to approve payment. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**CC17**; Steve Kincade; Wadena Township, is requesting approval for a final payment for Cover Crop practice. Total amount authorized was \$13,500.00, previous payments of \$4,500.00, with partial flat rate payment of \$3,600.00. The change in payment was going from multi species to single species. Motion made by Steve Inwards, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve payment. Opposed: none, motion carried.



### HIGH PRIORITY LAKES GRANT

**PL11/BP;** Wayne & Terry Enger; Pine Lake Township, Section 17, are requesting final payment for their native planting. The total cost of the project was \$ 1,182.80, with a cost share amount of \$ 887.10 or 75%, whichever is less. Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Steve Inwards to approve payment. Opposed: none, motion carried. *Note: Wayne Enger abstained from voting.* 

#### **COST SHARE**

**P20-7507-01**; Forrest Briard; Perham Township, section 32; is requesting final payment for his irrigation sprinkler system. The total cost of the project was \$52,925.00, with a cost share payment of \$20,200.00 which was the authorized amount. Motion made by Steve Inwards, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve payment. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**2020-10;** Dean Schultz; is requesting approval for a final payment for Cover Crop practice. Total amount authorized was \$13,500.00, previous payments of \$7,200.00, with final flat rate payment of \$3,600.00. The change in payment was going from multi species to single species. Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Steve Inwards to approve payment. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**2020-12;** Huebsch Family Farms; Otto Township, is requesting approval for a final payment for Cover Crop practice. Total amount authorized was \$10,800.00, previous payments of \$7,200.00, with final flat rate payment of \$3,600.00. Motion made by Steve Inwards, second by Wayne Enger to approve payment. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**2022-01**; DJM Farms; Perham Township, Section 18, is requesting approval for a final payment for an Irrigation System. The total cost of the project was \$ 31,224.25 with a cost share payment of \$ 11,315.50 which was the authorized amount. Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Steve Inwards to approve payment. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**2022-05**; Jerry Guck; Otto, Section 26 is requesting cost share assistance for a well sealing. The total estimated cost is \$ 918.00, with a cost share payment of \$459.00 or 50% whichever is less. Motion made by Steve Inwards, second by Wayne Enger to approve payment. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**2022-06**; Don Honer; Edna, Section 34 is requesting cost share assistance for a well sealing. The total estimated cost is \$ 800.00, with a cost share payment of \$400.00 or 50% whichever is less. Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Steve Inwards to approve payment. Opposed: none, motion carried.

District Manager's Report: Presented by Anne Oldakowski.

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

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

- There are open positions with the Highway Department
- Hwy 8 will not be completed on time and the contractor will be charged a fee of \$3000/day.
- Additional roundabouts are being planned in Fergus Falls
- Janet Malone, U of MN Extension Educator has retired. Position will be open soon.



Other Agency Reports: none

## Old Business

Water Plan/Watershed Plan update: An overview of the Ottertail 1W1P was presented. Also reviewed was the 319 Grant.

**TSA Update**: As of January 1, 2023, (that is the goal) to have two pods. Employees will be district employees instead of TSA employees.

#### **New Business**

2022 MASWCD Resolutions: Ballots were turned in and will be submitted to MASWCD.

**BWSR Grant Agreements:** Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Steve Inwards to approve the Soil Health grant agreement. This grant can be used to plant trees. Opposed: none, motion carried. Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Wayne Enger to approve the LCCMR Forestry Pilot agreement. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**Equipment:** Motion made by Steve Inwards, second by Wayne Enger to approve the purchase of a new Computer and Auto CAD licensing for that computer. Opposed: none, motion carried.

*Meetings/Trainings:* Motion made by Steve Inwards, second by Wayne Enger to approve those wishing to attend the Area Meeting on November 15, 2022. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**Project:** Motion made by Lyle Dittmann, second by Steve Inwards to approve funding for a Prairie Planting at the New York Mills school being done by Doug Salo. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Public Comments: none

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.