



MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 16, 2024, BOARD MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Lyle Dittmann at 7:29 a.m.

Members Present: Chairperson: Lyle Dittmann
Secretary: Terry Greenwaldt
Public Relations: Wayne Enger
Treasurer: Bruce Albright

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
Soil Health Specialist: Alyssa Scheve

Members Absent: Vice Chairperson: Steve Inwards

Agenda: Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Terry Greenwaldt to adopt the agenda as presented with addition of Fairground updates under Public Comments. Opposed: none, motion carried.

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

Treasurer's Report: Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, seconded by Bruce Albright, to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented, subject to audit. Opposed: none, motion carried.

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

REDEYE WBIF – C21-3238

C21-3238-11; Doug Lange; Inman Township; is requesting the third-year, final payment, for his cover crop practice on 47 acres. The flat rate cost share is \$20/acre, with total cost share of \$2,820.00 and third-year payment of \$940.00. *Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Wayne Enger to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.*

C21-3238-32; Steve Inwards; Eastern Township, Section 18; is requesting the first-year payment for his three-year cover crop practice on 248 acres. The flat rate cost share is \$41/acre, with total cost share of \$30,504.00 and first-year payment of \$10,168.00. (Additional funding source for future payments: C22-7830 Redeye 2.0.) *Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.*



OTTER TAIL WBIF – C23-4546

6-C23-4546-13; Graydon and Jovinae Bohn; Rush Lake Township, Section 34; is requesting final payment for their critical area planting (shoreline) practice. The total cost of the practice was \$4,945.00, with cost share of \$3,708.75 or 75% of the total cost. *Motion made by Bruce Albright, second by Wayne Enger to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.*

6-C23-4546-15; Larry Huwe; Butler and Corliss Townships; is requesting the cancellation of his one-year cover crop contract as his acres were selected for the Alliance for Climate Smart Agriculture program. *Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Wayne Enger to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.*

6-C23-4546-16; Eric Dreyer; Otto Township, section 32; is requesting the first-year payment for his three-year cover crop practice on 116 acres. The flat rate cost share is \$41/acre, with total cost share of \$14,268.00 and first-year payment of \$4,756.00. *Motion made by Bruce Albright, second by Wayne Enger to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.*

6-C23-4546-18; Huebsch Farms; Pine Lake Township, section 30; is requesting the final payment for his one-year cover crop practice on 320 acres. The flat rate is \$35/acre, with a final cost share payment of \$11,200.00. *Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Wayne Enger to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.*

6-C23-4546-23; Dan Dreyer; Otter Tail Township, section 12; is requesting the final payment for his one-year cover crop practice on 100 acres. The flat rate is \$35/acre, with a final share payment of \$3,500.00. *Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.*

6-C23-4546-29; Joe and Becky Esser; Edna Township, Section 14; is requesting approval of cost share assistance for their critical area planting (shoreline) practice on Paul Lake. The total estimated cost of the project is \$4,000.00, with the cost share amount of \$3,000.00 or 75%, whichever is less. *Motion made by Bruce Albright, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.*

6-C23-4546-30; Dan Winkels; Hobart Township, Section 16; is requesting approval of cost share assistance for his critical area planting (shoreline) practice on Rose Lake. The total estimated cost of the project is \$2,794.00, with cost share of \$2,095.50 or 75%, whichever is less. *Motion made by Bruce Albright, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.*

OTTER TAIL WBIF – C25-0116

6-C25-0116-06; Jaden Meyer; Pine Lake Township, Section 31; is requesting the final payment for his one-year cover crop practice on 84 acres. The flat rate is \$25/acre, with a final cost share payment of \$2,100.00. *Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Wayne Enger to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.*

6-C25-0116-08; Jim Geis; Corliss Township, Section 31; is requesting approval of cost share assistance for his critical area planting (shoreline) practice on Big Pine Lake. The total estimated cost of the project is \$5,714.00, with cost share of \$4,285.50 or 75%, whichever is less. *Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.*



REDEYE WBIF 3.0 – C25-0118

6-C25-0118-02; Morgan Czaia; Blowers Township, Section 14; is requesting cost share assistance for his cover crop practice on 32 acres. The flat rate is \$25/acre, with total cost share of \$800.00. This is a one-year contract. *Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.*

BLUFF AND OAK CREEK – P22-3257

P22-3257-01; Nathan Berry; Blowers Township, Section 33; is requesting final payment for his prescribed grazing practice. The final cost of the project was \$42,000.00, with the final cost share payment of \$31,500.00, which is 75% of the total cost. (Additional funding source: C21-3238 Redeye 1.0.) *Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Wayne Enger to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.*

P22-3257-04; Dale Frost; Homestead Township, Section 3; is requesting final payment for his ag waste pit closure practice. The final cost of the project was \$11,200.00, with the final cost share payment of \$8,400.00, which is 75% of the total cost. (Additional funding source: P22-6134 Local Capacity.) *Motion made by Bruce Albright, second by Wayne Enger to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.*

LOCAL CAPACITY – P22-6134

P22-6134-01; Allen Lubitz; Corliss Township, Section 22; is requesting final payment for his ag waste pit closure practice. The final cost of the project was \$7,920.00, with the final cost share payment of \$5,940.00, which is 75% of the total cost. *Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Wayne Enger to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.*

SOIL HEALTH – P23-2716

P23-2716-03; Daniel Briard; Edna Township, section 26; is requesting the final payment for his one-year cover crop practice on 207 acres. The flat rate is \$25/acre, with the final cost share payment of \$5,175.00. (Additional funding sources: P23-5804 State Cost Share, C25-0116 OT 2.0.) *Motion made by Bruce Albright, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.*

STATE COST SHARE – P23-5804

P23-5804-02; Forrest Briard; Gorman/Perham Townships, sections 5,17/32; is requesting the final payment for his one-year cover crop practice on 320 acres. The flat rate is \$25/acre, with a final cost share payment of \$8,000.00. *Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Wayne Enger to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.*

P23-5804-03; Terry Carlson; Parkers Prairie Township, sections 8,9,16,17; is requesting the final payment for his one-year cover crop practice on 320 acres. The flat rate is \$35/acre, with a final cost share payment of \$11,200.00. (Additional funding sources: C22-7830 Redeye 2.0, C25-0118 Redeye 3.0.) *Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.*



CONSERVATION CONTRACTS – P24-0274

P24-0274-01; Jeff Arndt; Henning Township, section 9; is requesting cost share assistance for his Tree and Shrub Establishment. The total estimated cost of the project is \$835.30, with cost share in the amount of \$626.48 or 75% whichever is less. *Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Wayne Enger to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.*

P24-0274-02; James Hanson; Rush Lake Township, section 33; is requesting cost share assistance for his Tree and Shrub Establishment. The total estimated cost of the project is \$2,200.00, with cost share in the amount of \$1,650.00 or 75% whichever is less. *Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Wayne Enger to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.*

District Manager's Report: Presented by Darren Newville.

District Conservationist's Report: Presented by Troy Baumgart

County Commissioner's Report:

- Weed Inspection letters were sent out to each Township Inspector. One township has misread this letter causing a stir.
- EMS – Dead Lake Township says they will back out.
- OTC has been working with Wadena County on the shared judicial ditches.
- Deer Creek has their annual meeting on October 22, 2024 and EMS will be a topic of discussion.
- There is a Cannabis hearing on November 22, 2024. Determining where stores can be located will be discussed.
- OTC has received complaints regarding the Rush Lake shooting range. The range has been inspected since 2017.

Other Agency Reports: Alyssa Scheve says she has been busy with RIM in Todd County.

Old Business

TSA Update: nothing to report.

New Business

Meetings/Trainings: Staff will be attending the BWSR Academy at the end of the month. Discussion on who will be attending the MASWCD Convention.

MASWCD Resolutions: Resolutions were discussed, and voting took place.

Public Comments: Continuing to work with the City of Perham & Fair board. A possible new location is being discussed.

Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned at 8:58 a.m.