



October 15, 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

Agenda

1. Call meeting to order by Chairperson Lyle Dittmann
2. Adopt Agenda
3. Approve the previous month's Board Meeting Minutes
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Bills Paid and Payable
6. Cost-Share
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. Storage Building

New Business

13. Meetings and Trainings
 - Area 1 Meeting Nov 18, 2025, Shooting Star Casino Mahnomen
14. 2026 Soil Management Summit scholarships
 - 5 scholarships, \$150/ea: \$750
15. Resolutions
16. Public Comments
17. Adjourn



Date	Meeting
10/15/2025	EOT SWCD Board Meeting
10/20/2025	Wadena SWCD Board Meeting
10/20/2025	Red Eye Watershed Policy Committee
10/21 – 10/23/2025	BWSR Academy
11/17/2025	Wadena SWCD Board Meeting
11/18/2025	Area 1 meeting, Mahnomen
11/19/2025	EOT SWCD Board Meeting
11/27 – 11/28/2025	Thanksgiving – offices closed
12/1 – 12/3/2025	MASWCD Convention
12/15/2025	Wadena SWCD Board Meeting
12/17/2025	EOT SWCD Board Meeting



MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 17, 2025, BOARD MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Chair Lyle Dittmann at 7:34 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
Administrative Assistant: Chantal Tougas
Riparian Conservation Planner: Marcie Peeters

Agenda: Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Steve Inwards to adopt the agenda as presented. 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 Wayne Enger, seconded by Terry Greenwaldt, to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented, subject to audit. Opposed: none, motion carried. Motion made by Bruce Albright, second by Steve Inwards to renew CD #3486 for 5 months at 4.05%. Opposed: none, motion carried. Motion made by Bruce Albright, second by Wayne Enger to cash out CD # 0972 and deposit into the savings account. Opposed: none, motion carried. Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Steve Inwards to approve the draft audit and sign the audit letter. Opposed: none, motion carried.

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

COST SHARE

RED EYE C22-7830 (2.0)

6-C22-7830-15; Steve Flanagan; Bluffton Twp, section 23; is requesting* cost share assistance for a 1-year multi-species cover crop practice on 9 acres. The flat rate cost share is \$315.00, which is \$35/acre. *Contract approved by Anne 9/3/2025. *changed contract # to -15 after meeting due to duplicate number. Motion made by Bruce Albright, second by Steve Inwards to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.



RED EYE C25-0118 (3.0)

6-C25-0118-05; Marty Egeland; Leaf Lake Twp, section 27; is requesting cost share assistance for a tree and shrub establishment practice on 1.84 acres. The estimated cost of the project is \$1,500.00, with cost share of \$1,125.00 or 75%, whichever is less. Motion made by Steve Inwards, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

BLUFF CREEK P22-3257

P22-3257-06; Michael Flath; Compton Twp, section 26; is requesting cost share assistance for a tree and shrub establishment practice. The estimated cost of the project is \$1,155.00, with cost share of \$866.25 or 75%, whichever is less. 50% will come from the Bluff Creek 319 grant, the other 25% is coming from Red Eye 3.0. **changed contract # to -06 after meeting due to duplicate number.* Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Steve Inwards to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

IRRIGATION P23-1461

P23-1461-07; Double D Farms; Gorman Township, sections 8,10; is requesting final payment for an irrigation sprinkler system. The total cost of the project was \$12,593.00 with cost share of \$9,444.75 which is 75% of the cost. Motion made by Steve Inwards, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

CONSERVATION CONTRACTS P25-0145

P25-0145-02; Randy Thompson; Homestead Township, section 29; is requesting final payment for his Multi Species Cover Crop. Cost share is a flat rate payment of \$665.00. Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Steve Inwards to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

P25-0145-03; Steve Steinbach; Homestead Township, section 28; is requesting final payment for his Multi Species Cover Crop. Cost share is a flat rate payment of \$3,675.00. Motion made Bruce Albright, second by Steve Inwards to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

SOIL HEALTH DELIVERY P25-0534

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

SOIL HEALTH RCCP P26-0039

56A-1-02; Carlson Turkey Farms Limited; Parkers Prairie Twp, section 4,9,16; is requesting* cost share assistance for a 1-year multi-species cover crop practice on 320 acres. The flat rate cost share is \$11,200.00, which is \$35/acre. **Contract approved by Darren 9/2/2025.* Motion made by Steve Inwards, second by Wayne Enger to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.



56A-1-03; Fraki Dairy; Otto Twp, section 11; is requesting cost share assistance for a 1-year single-species cover crop practice on 74 acres. The flat rate cost share is \$1,850.00, which is \$25/acre. Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Wayne Enger to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

56A-1-04; Isaiah Godding; Oak Valley, Inman, Folden, Leaf Lake Twps, sections 8,12,1,28,29; is requesting* cost share assistance for a 1-year single-species cover crop practice on 165.9 acres. The flat rate cost share is \$4,147.50, which is \$25/acre. *Contract approved by Darren 8/29/2025. Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Steve Inwards to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

56A-1-05; Michael Guck; Perham Twp, section 7; is requesting cost share assistance for a 1-year strip till practice on 59.44 acres. The flat rate cost share is \$1,902.08, which is \$32/acre. Motion made by Bruce Albright, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

56A-1-06; Huebsch Farms Inc; Otto, Pine Lake Twps, sections 5,8/5,31; is requesting* cost share assistance for a 1-year single-species cover crop practice on 320 acres. The flat rate cost share is \$8,000.00, which is \$25/acre. *Contract approved by Darren 9/10/2025. Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Steve Inwards to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

56A-1-07; Doug Lange; Inman, Oak Valley Twps, sections 9,10,13,7; is requesting cost share assistance for a 1 year no till practice on 88.89 acres. The flat rate cost share is \$2,844.48, which is \$32/acre. Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Wayne Enger to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

56A-1-08; Meyer Becker Farms; Homestead, Pine Lake, Butler, Bluffton Twps, sections 6,7,19,1,11,19; is requesting* cost share assistance for a 1-year multi-species cover crop practice on 320 acres. The flat rate cost share is \$11,200.00, which is \$35/acre. *Contract approved by Darren 9/10/2025. Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

56A-1-09; James Minten; Butler Twp, section 29; is requesting* cost share assistance for a 1-year multi-species cover crop practice on 31.45 acres. The flat rate cost share is \$1,100.75, which is \$35/acre. *Contract approved by Darren 9/10/2025. Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Wayne Enger to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

56A-1-10; Mark Riepe; Perham Twp, sections 19,31; is requesting* cost share assistance for a 1-year single-species cover crop practice on 165.1 acres. The flat rate cost share is \$4,127.50, which is \$25/acre. *Contract approved by Darren 8/29/2025. Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Wayne Enger to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

56A-1-11; Roy Olson Partnership; Elmo Twp, section 20; is requesting cost share assistance for a 1-year single-species cover crop practice on 119.6 acres. The flat rate cost share is \$2,990.00, which is \$25/acre. Motion made by Steve Inwards, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

56A-1-12; Toad River Farms LLC; Corliss Twp, sections 19,20,22,18,30; is requesting* cost share assistance for a 1-year single-species cover crop practice on 320 acres. The flat rate cost share is \$8,000.00, which is \$25/acre. *Contract approved by Darren 8/29/2025. Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Wayne Enger to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

56A-1-13; Bryan Zepper; Homestead Twp, sections 17,18; is requesting cost share assistance for a 3 year no till practice on 58.26 acres. The flat rate cost share is \$5,592.96, which is \$1,864.32/year and \$32/acre. Motion made by Bruce Albright, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

56A-1-14; Ben Palubicki; Pine Lake/Perham Townships, sections 20, 29/11; is requesting cost share assistance for a 1 cover crop single species practice on 320 acres. The flat rate cost share is \$8,000.00, which is \$25/acre. *Contract approved by Darren 9/12/2025. Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

56A-1-15; Jordan Palubicki; Pine Lake/Perham Townships, sections 12, 13, 23/18; is requesting cost share assistance for a 1 cover crop single species practice on 320 acres. The flat rate cost share is \$8,000.00, which is \$25/acre. *Contract approved by Darren 9/12/2025. Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Wayne Enger to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

56A-1-16; Nic Palubicki; Pine Lake, Otto, and Rush Lake Townships, sections 27; is requesting cost share assistance for a 1 cover crop single species practice on 320 acres. The flat rate cost share is \$8,000.00, which is \$25/acre. *Contract approved by Darren 9/12/2025. Motion made by Steve Inwards, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

56A-1-17; Ron Palubicki; Perham, Pine Lake, and Otter Tail Townships, sections 27, 13; is requesting cost share assistance for a 1 cover crop single species practice on 320 acres. The flat rate cost share is \$8,000.00, which is \$25/acre. *Contract approved by Darren 9/12/2025. Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Bruce Albright to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

56A-1-18; Russ Palubicki; Otter Tail and Pine Lake Townships, sections 22, 27/32; is requesting cost share assistance for a 1 cover crop single species practice on 320 acres. The flat rate cost share is \$8,000.00, which is \$25/acre. *Contract approved by Darren 9/12/2025. Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Steve Inwards to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

District Manager's Report: Read by Darren Newville.

District Conservationist's Report: Read by Troy Baumgart.

County Commissioner's Report:

- I attended the AMC conference last week. Jordan Rasumussen was a speaker. Solid Waste is the hot topic.
- DNR is discussing a Guide License.
- Ottertail County has hired a new County Engineer. Rick West is filling in for now.
- Shotgun or rifle? That is a county decision.
- Meeting with Houston Engineering, myself, and a few lake association board members regarding the culvert on County Hwy 51 in Perham.

Other Agency Reports: none present.

Old Business

TSA Update: nothing to report.



Storage Building: The concrete has been poured. Ottortail Power should be done with their part in 2-3 weeks.

New Business

Meetings and Trainings:

- Motion made by Steve Inwards, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve Darren or Anne to attend the Managers meeting in St. Cloud on September 24-25, 2025. Opposed: none, motion carried.
- Motion made by Bruce Albright, second by Steve Inwards to approve those attending BWSR Academy in Baxter on October 21-23, 2025. Opposed: none, motion carried.
- Motion made by Steve Inwards, second by Bruce Albright to approve those attending the Tribal Relations Training. Opposed: none, motion carried.
- There will be an Ottortail Watershed Policy Committee meeting on September 25, 2025.
- There will be a Red Eye Watershed Policy Committee meeting on October 20, 2025.

Job Approval Authority (JAA): Motion made by Bruce Albright, second by Steve Inwards to accept Savanna Anderson & Peter Hendrickx JAA. They were both approved for the following practices: 360 Watering Facility Closure, 442 Sprinkler Package, and 449 Irrigation Water Management (IWM). Opposed: none, motion carried.

Health Insurance: Motion made by Steve Inwards, second by Bruce Albright to approve continuing our current health insurance plan coverage. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Public Comments: none

Adjourn: Motion made by Steve Inwards, second by Terry Greenwaldt to adjourn. Opposed: none, motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 a.m.