



## MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 16, 2022 BOARD MEETING

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

**Members Present:**

Chairperson: Lyle Dittmann  
Vice Chairperson: Steve Inwards  
Secretary: Terry Greenwaldt  
Treasurer: Dennis Reynolds

**Others Present:**

County Commissioner: Dan Bucholz  
OTC Land & Resource: Chris Le Clair  
NRCS DC Team Lead: Bob Guetter  
NRCS ASTC for Field Ops: Lance Smith  
NRCS District Conservationist: Troy Baumgart  
District Manager: Darren Newville  
Ass't District Manager: Anne Oldakowski  
Administrative Secretary: Chantal Tougas

**Members Absent:**

Public Relations: Wayne Enger

**Agenda:** Add SWCD aid under Public Comments. Motion made by Steve Inwards, seconded by Terry Greenwaldt to adopt the Agenda with additions. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**Approve Board Meeting Minutes:** Motion made by Dennis Reynolds, seconded by Steve Inwards to approve the previous month Board Meeting Minutes as presented. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, seconded by Steve Inwards, to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented, subject to audit. Opposed: none, motion carried. Motion made by Steve Inwards, seconded by Terry Greenwaldt to reinvest the CD for 12 months at .60% interest. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**Bills Paid & Bills Payable:** Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, seconded by Steve Inwards, to approve the Bills Paid and Bills Payable as presented. Opposed: none, motion carried.



## RED EYE IWIP IMPLEMENTATION GRANT

**C21-3238-09;** Lisa Predweshny; Leaf Lake Township, section 22; is requesting approval of cost share assistance contract for a shoreline critical area planting. The total estimated cost of the project is \$ 4052.20, with cost sharing of \$ 3039.15 or 75% whichever is less. Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, seconded by Dennis Reynolds to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**C21-3238-10;** Steve Flanagan; Bluffton Township, section 14; is requesting approval of cost share assistance contract for prescribed grazing. The total estimated cost of the project is \$ 27,032.00, with cost sharing of \$20,274.00 or 75% whichever is less. Motion made by Dennis Reynolds, seconded by Terry Greenwaldt to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

## COST SHARE

**2022-01;** DJM Farms; Edna Township, section 11; is requesting approval of cost share assistance contract for an irrigation sprinkler system. The total estimated cost of the project is \$ 20,196.00, with cost sharing of \$11,956.00 or 75% whichever is less. Motion made by Steve Inwards, seconded by Terry Greenwaldt to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

## IRRIGATION TECHNOLOGIES GRANT

**C21-9235-13;** Bonnie Hintzman; Butler Township, section 28; is requesting approval of a cost share contract for irrigation technology/soil moisture sensor. Total estimated project cost is \$ 3,333.33, with cost sharing of \$ 2,500.00 or 75% whichever is less. Motion made by Steve Inwards, seconded by Terry Greenwaldt to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**C21-9235-14;** Dale Schock; Aldrich Township, section 25; is requesting approval of a cost share contract for irrigation technology/soil moisture sensor. Total estimated project cost is \$ 3333.33, with cost sharing of \$ 2500.00 or 75% whichever is less. Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, seconded by Steve Inwards to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**C21-9235-15;** Andrew Schock; Wing River Township, section 28; is requesting approval of a cost share contract for irrigation technology/soil moisture sensor. Total estimated project cost is \$ 3333.33, with cost sharing of \$ 2500.00 or 75% whichever is less. Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, seconded by Steve Inwards to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**C21-9235-16;** Lee Ludlow; Thomastown Township, section 31; is requesting approval of a cost share contract for irrigation technology/soil moisture sensor. Total estimated project cost is \$ 3333.33, with cost sharing of \$ 2500.00 or 75% whichever is less. Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, seconded by Dennis Reynolds to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**C21-9235-17;** Farm Boys; Parkers Prairie; is requesting approval of a cost share contract for irrigation technology/soil moisture sensor. Total estimated project cost is \$ 3333.33, with cost sharing of \$ 2500.00 or 75%



whichever is less. Motion made by Steve Inwards, seconded by Terry Greenwaldt to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**District Manager's Report:** written and presented by Darren Newville.

**District Conservationist's Report:** report by Troy Baumgart. Also reviewed the Civil Rights/EEO and NRCS/SWCD Agreement.

**County Commissioner's Report:** Dan Bucholz

- Letters sent to Clara Nelson & Bill Weber in support of the SWCD Aid legislation.
- Taxes are going up.
- Land & Resource moved to the Fergus Falls Daily Journal building while renovations take place.

**Other Agency Reports:** Land & Resource, Chris LeClair

- Lynne Valdez is the new Deputy County Administrator. She will be facilitating the strengths training retreat on March 25<sup>th</sup> with the EOT SWCD.
- Moved to the Daily Journal building while renovations take place in the office.
- The County is hosting the "We Are Waters" exhibit for 8 weeks in October.

## Old Business

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**Water Plan/Watershed Plan update:** EOT SWCD will support the Crow Wing IWIP but will not be active due to the small area we have in that watershed.

**Department of Ag update:**

- Anne continues to work on the Central Sands Nitrate Testing getting letters and kits out to landowners in the network. Nathan continues to work on the Nutrient Management Initiative. MAWQCP continues to interest landowners.

**TSA Update:** Lyle and Darren provided an update. There is movement toward working in north and south pods. TSA will provide equal funding to each member SWCD to be used for engineering services. We will be expanding our current agreement for engineering services with WOT and Becker SWCDs to include Grant and Traverse SWCDs and the addition of an engineering technician that will be housed in the WOT SWCD. A new agreement is being drafted. The TSA will be going through a phase 2 PRAP to help define the structure of the TSA and the pods.



## New Business

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### **Meetings and Training:**

- Motion made by Steve Inwards, seconded by Terry Greenwaldt for Chantal & Kristi to attend the Administrative Session at Cragun's in June. \$95 Registration & \$149 for lodging. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**Frontier Precision:** Motion made by Steve Inwards, seconded by Terry Greenwaldt to approve payment to Frontier Precision for the software upgrade on the survey equipment. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**Building Cleaning Quotes:** Motion made by Steve Inwards, seconded by Terry Greenwaldt to approve Sota Properties cleaning quote. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**Education and Outreach:** Staff is continuing to plan events. Since the February Wadena board meeting was cancelled due to weather, the Appreciation Dinner has been tabled again to allow input from the Wadena board since this would be a joint venture.

**SWCD Aid:** Motion made by Steve Inwards, seconded by Terry Greenwaldt to approve Darren to pen a letter asking legislators for support of the proposed SWCD Aid Legislation. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**Public Comments:** none

**Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 9:02 a.m.