



MINUTES FROM THE JULY 20, 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 Team Lead: Bob Guetter
NRCS District Conservationist: Troy Baumgart
District Manager: Darren Newville
Administrative Secretary: Chantal Tougas
Watershed Coordinator: Don Bajumpaa
NRCS Intern: Jack Burm

Agenda: Motion made by Wayne Enger, seconded by Steve Inwards to adopt the Agenda. Opposed: none, motion carried.

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

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

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

COST SHARE

Motion made by Steve Inwards, seconded by Terry Greenwaldt to change the EOT SWCD cost share policy for Ag Waste Pit Closures to allow 75% cost share up to \$15,000 maximum. Opposed: none, motion carried.

RED EYE IWIP IMPLEMENTATION GRANT

C21-3238-05; Section 22, Bluffton township. Authorization to approve final payment of \$1,111.17 for a pasture seeding practice. Total cost of the practice is \$14,576.87 with eligible amount of \$10,932.65, or 75% whichever is less, and a previous partial payment of \$9821.48. Motion made by Steve Inwards, seconded by Wayne Enger to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.



C21-3238-09; Section 22, Leaf Lake Township. Authorization to approve final payment for a shoreline restoration, with total cost of \$3,165.74, cost share payment not to exceed \$2,374.31 or 75%, whichever is less. Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, seconded by Wayne Enger to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

C21-3238-12; Authorization to approve payment for a forest stewardship plan, with total cost of \$1,000.00, cost share payment not to exceed \$750.00 or 75%, whichever is less in section 2 of Eastern Township (consultant written). Motion made by Steve Inwards, seconded by Terry Greenwaldt to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

C21-3238-13; Authorization to approve payment for a forest stewardship plan, with total cost of \$1,000.00, cost share payment not to exceed \$750.00 or 75%, whichever is less in Eastern Township, section 11. (Consultant written). Motion made by Steve Inwards, seconded by Terry Greenwaldt to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

C21-3238-14; Section 5, Henning Township. Request for approval of a cost share contract for a pit closure with total project cost estimate of \$12,500.00, cost share payment not to exceed \$9,375.00 or 75% whichever is less. Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, seconded by Wayne Enger to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

HIGH PRIORITY LAKES GRANT

PL7/BP; Authorization to approve final payment for a shoreline project, with total cost of \$2,969.02, cost share payment not to exceed \$2,226.77 or 75%, whichever is less in section 9 of Pine Lake township. Motion made by Wayne Enger, seconded by Terry Greenwaldt to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

PL8/BP; Authorization to approve final payment for a shoreline project, with total cost of \$957.74, cost share payment not to exceed \$718.31 or 75%, whichever is less in section 21 of Pine Lake township. Motion made by Wayne Enger, seconded by Terry Greenwaldt to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

PL10/LP; Authorization to amend original cost share contract for tree planting due to an increase in the estimated costs of materials involved. Original estimated project cost was \$2,812.54; amended project cost estimate is \$3,221.20 with a new total amount authorized of \$2,415.90. Motion made by Steve Inwards, seconded by Terry Greenwaldt to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

PL10/LP; Authorization to approve final payment for tree planting project, with total cost of \$3,221.20, cost share payment not to exceed \$2,415.90 or 75%, whichever is less in section 25 of Gorman township. Motion made by Steve Inwards, seconded by Terry Greenwaldt to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

IRRIGATION TECH GRANT

C21-9235-06; Section 17, Butler Township. Authorization to approve partial payment for a soil moisture sensor, with total cost of \$1,750.00 cost share payment not to exceed \$1,312.50 or 75%, whichever is less. Motion made by Steve Inwards, seconded by Terry Greenwaldt to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.



C21-9235-12; Authorization to approve payment of CLC invoice for the joint powers contract for the CLC demonstration irrigation system. Amount due is \$90,000.00. Motion made by Steve Inwards, seconded by Wayne Enger to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

C21-9235-15; Section 28, Wing River Township. Authorization to approve partial payment for a soil moisture sensor, with total cost to date of \$2,051.39 cost share payment not to exceed \$1,538.54 or 75%, whichever is less. Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, seconded by Steve Inwards to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

District Manager's Report: Written and presented by Darren Neville, see attached.

8:32 a.m. Mike Yrjo and Wes Drake entered the meeting briefly for introductions.

District Conservationist's Report: Report by Troy Baumgart, see attached.

County Commissioner's Report: A equalization meeting was held at the county. 266 argued property taxes, 42 showed up at the meeting. Made a site visit to Lake Koronis as they have a Starry Stonewort problem with no one to assist. At the present time there isn't an attendant at the boat access to make sure the boats are clean.

Other Agency Reports: none

Old Business

Water Plan/Watershed Plan update: Was discussed in District Managers report.

Department of Ag update: RCPP agreements are in place as of July 18, 2022.

TSA Update: Wes Drake gave this report.

New Business

Building: Discussed the parking lot replacement quote. Motion made by Wayne Enger, seconded by Terry Greenwaldt to approve accepting the quote from Howard's Driveway. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Budget: Motion made by Wayne Enger, seconded by Steve Inwards to approve to preliminary budget as presented to bring to the county. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Open Board Member Position: It was decided to request letters of interest from potential candidates by advertising in the paper and on social media. Letters of request will be due before the next board meeting on August 17, 2022.

Grant Agreements:

- 2023 Red Eye WBIF: Motion made by Steve Inwards, seconded by Wayne Enger, to approve Darren to sign the agreements when they arrive. Opposed: none, motion carried.
- Priority Lakes Grant Extension: Motion made by Wayne Enger, seconded by Terry Greenwaldt, to approve requesting an extension. Opposed: none, motion carried.



Award Nominations: Board has asked the staff to bring a list of potential nominations to the next board meeting.

Staffing Update: Peter Guck will be starting August 8, 2022

Fair Donation: Motion made by Steve Inwards, seconded by Wayne Enger to support the DNR building again at the fair. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Meetings: Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, seconded by Steve Inwards to approve Wayne Enger to attend the Otter Tail County Conservation Committee meeting to represent the district. Opposed: none, motion carried. *Note: Wayne abstained from voting.*

Public Comments: We are saddened by the loss of Board Member Dennis Reynolds on June 30, 2022. He has been serving on the East Otter Tail SWCD board since 2008. He was also a liaison to the Wadena SWCD Board and attended their meetings quite frequently.

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 8:37 a.m.