



MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 21, 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:

NRCS District Conservationist: Troy Baumgart
District Manager: Darren Newville
Ass't District Manager: Anne Oldakowski - *Virtually*
Administrative Secretary: Chantal Tougas
Watershed Coordinator: Don Bajumpaa
Irrigation/Nutrient Mgmt Specialist: Nathan Wiese
District Technician: Nicole Wallace

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

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

Treasurer's Report: Motion made by Wayne Enger, seconded by Steve Inwards, to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented, subject to audit. 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

C21-3238-06; Jacob Hendrickx; Butler Township, is requesting approval for a partial payment for his Cover Crop practice. Total amount authorized was \$9,600.00, with the first-year payment of \$3,200.00. Motion made by Steve Inwards, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

C21-3238-11; Doug Lang; Inman Township, is requesting approval for a partial payment for his Cover Crop practice. Total amount authorized was \$2,820.00, with the first-year payment of \$940.00. Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Wayne Enger to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

C21-3238-16; Steven Steinbach; Homestead Township, is requesting approval for a final payment for his Cover Crop practice. Total amount authorized was \$600.00, with a final payment of \$450.00. Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Steve Inwards to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.



C21-3238-17; Keith Schwichtenberg, Paddock Township, Section 32 is requesting cost share assistance for his Forest Stewardship Plan. The total cost estimate is \$ 712.00, with the cost share amount of \$ 534.00 or 75% whichever is less. Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

C21-3238-18; Larry Knickerehm, Butler Township, Section 8, is requesting cost share assistance for his Ag Waste Pit Closure. The total cost estimate is \$ 8,500.00, with the cost share amount of \$ 6,375.00 or 75% whichever is less. Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Steve Inwards to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

IRRIGATION TECH GRANT

C21-9235-04; Silver Dust Farm LLC; Rush Lake Township, Section 18, is requesting a partial payment for their MVI Soil Moisture Sensor Probe & Aquatrac Lite. The total cost of the project was \$ 2,950.00 with cost sharing of \$ 2,212.50 which is 75%. Motion made by Steve Inwards, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

C21-9235-05; Todd & Melissa Larson; Perham Township, Section 28 & 33, is requesting a partial payment for their MVI Soil Moisture Sensor Probe & Aquatrac Lite. The total cost of the project was \$ 2,950.00 with cost sharing of \$ 2,212.50 which is 75%. Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Steve Inwards to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

C21-9235-20; Bonnie Hintzman; Butler Township, Section 28, is requesting cost share assistance for an Irrigation Sprinkler System. The total estimated cost of the project is \$ 127,350.00, with cost sharing of \$15,000.00. Additional funding is coming from RCPP EQIP. Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

C21-9235-21; Kenneth Sakry; Woodside Township, Section 17, is requesting cost share assistance for an Irrigation Sprinkler System. The total estimated cost of the project is \$ 70,900.00, with cost sharing of \$7,763.00. Additional funding is coming from RCPP EQIP. Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

C21-9235-22; Daryl Zeise; Compton Township, Section 18, is requesting cost share assistance for an Irrigation Sprinkler System. The total estimated cost of the project is \$ 66,400.00, with cost sharing of \$15,000.00. A portion, \$12,599.50, is being funded from the Irrigation Tech Grant and the remaining \$2,400.50 will be coming from the Red Eye 1W1P Grant. Additional funding is coming from RCPP EQIP. Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Wayne Enger to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

STATE COST SHARE

2020-11; Russell Palubicki; Perham/Pine Lake/Girard, is requesting approval for a final payment for his 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 Steve Inwards to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

2020-13; Kevin Meyer; Leaf Lake, is requesting approval for a final payment for his 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 Steve Inwards to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.



2022-02; Dawn & Kevin Gode; Rush Lake Township, Section 35, are requesting approval for a final payment for their Shoreline Planting, with total cost of \$10,047.89, cost share payment not to exceed \$ 7,535.92 or 75%, whichever is less. Motion made by Steve Inwards, second by Wayne Enger to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

2022-04; Brandstaetter, Karl; Ottetail, Section 3 is requesting approval for a final payment for a well sealing. The total project cost was \$400.00, with a cost share payment of \$200.00 or 50% whichever is less. Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Steve Inwards to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

COVER CROP

CC3 Carlson Turkey Farms; Parkers Prairie/Elmo Township, is requesting approval for a final payment for his 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. Opposed: none, motion carried.

CC6 Larry Huwe; Butler/Corliss Township, is requesting approval for a final payment for his 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. Opposed: none, motion carried.

CC11 Jordan Palubicki; Perham/Pine Lake/Girard Township, is requesting approval for a final payment for his 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. Opposed: none, motion carried.

CC13 Daniel Dreyer; Ottetail Township, is requesting approval for a final payment for his 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 Steve Inwards to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

HIGH PRIORITY LAKES GRANT

PL9/LP; Scott & Tali Neumann; Gorman Township, Section 25, are requesting authorization to amend their original cost share contract for a Shoreline Planting due to an increase in the estimated costs of materials involved. Original estimated project cost was \$1,981.16; amended project cost estimate is \$2,097.09 with a new total amount authorized of \$1,572.81. Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

PL9/LP; Scott & Tali Neumann; Gorman Township, Section 25, are requesting approval for a final payment for their Shoreline Planting, with total cost of \$2,097.09, cost share payment not to exceed \$ 1,572.81 or 75%, whichever is less. Motion made by Steve Inwards, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

PL11/BP; Wayne & Terry Enger; Pine Lake Township, Section 17, are requesting cost share assistance to expand their native planting. The total cost estimate is \$ 1,942.77, with a cost share amount of \$ 1,457.08 or 75%, whichever is less. Motion made by Steve Inwards, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried. *(Please note that Wayne Enger abstained from voting)*

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



District Conservationist's Report: Written and presented by Troy Baumgart.

County Commissioner's Report: Not present

Other Agency Reports: none

Old Business

Water Plan/Watershed Plan update: Discussed in District Manager's report. There is a policy committee meeting next week.

Department of Ag update: The weather station has been moved from the Sheriff's station in Ottertail 1 mile south due to trees blocking it.

TSA Update: A new technician was hired up north who came from Kittson. There is a meeting on October 6, 2022.

New Business

FY23 Local Capacity/Buffer Grants: Motion made by Steve Inwards, second by Wayne Enger to approve Darren to approve & sign these grants when the paperwork arrives. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Personnel Committee Actions: Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Steve Inwards to approve Anne Oldakowski's increase in wage. Opposed: none, motion carried.

SWCD Supervisor Replacement: Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Steve Inwards to appoint Bruce Albright as Dennis Reynolds replacement to carry out the remainder of his term. Opposed: none, motion carried.

OT Dam Modifications: Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Steve Inwards to approve putting this project out for bids. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Meetings and Trainings:

- TSA Meeting • October 6, 2022
- BWSR Academy is October 25-27 in Brainerd
- Area I Meeting • November 15, 2022 • Mahnomen
- MASWCD Convention • December 12-14, 2022 • Bloomington

Public Comments: none

Adjourn: Motion made to adjourn by Steve Inwards, seconded by Wayne Enger. Opposed: none, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 a.m.