



Minutes from February 18, 2025, Board Meeting

The regular monthly board meeting of the Wadena Soil and Water Conservation District was held at 7:30 a.m. in person at the Sheriff's Building at the fairgrounds.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Tom Schulz at 7:30 a.m.

Members Present: Chair: Tom Schulz
Vice Chair: Ken Berg
Treasurer: Jerry Kern
Public Relations: Bruce Juntunen

Members Absent: Secretary: Brett Dailey

Others Present: County Commissioner: Murlyn Kreklau
NRCS District Conservationist: Ivan Reinke
BWSR: Pete Waller
District Manager: Darren Newville
Assistant District Manager: Anne Oldakowski
Administrative Secretary: Chantal Tougas

Adopt Agenda: Motion made by Bruce Juntunen, second by Ken Berg to adopt the agenda as presented. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Approve Board Meeting Minutes: Motion made by Ken Berg, second by Jerry Kern to approve last month's Board Meeting Minutes. Opposed: none, motion carried.

County Commissioner's Report:

- There will be landowner meetings on March 24 & 26th regarding ditches. Public hearings will be held in April.
- If incoming calls regarding ditches are about a county ditch, then refer them to the county. Other calls should be referred to the SWCD.
- In the process of hiring a new administrator.

Treasurer's Report: Motion made by Bruce Juntunen, second by Ken Berg to approve the Treasurer's Report. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Bills Paid and Bills Payable: Motion made by Jerry Kern, second by Ken Berg to approve the Bills Paid and Bills Payable as presented. Opposed: none, motion carried.

The Wadena Soil & Water Conservation District seeks to achieve and maintain the highest quality and quantity of natural resources possible through wise stewardship for now and the future of human and financial means available.

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Cost Share:

LCCMR Cost Share P23-2944:

01-2025; Parkin, Jeffrey; Authorization to encumber funds for a forest stewardship plan, with a total cost of \$1,020.00, cost share payment not to exceed \$765.00 or 75%, whichever is less in North Germany Township, section 24. (80 acres, written by Anne) Motion made by Tom Schulz, second by Ken Berg to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

District Manager's Report: Read by Darren

NRCS District Conservationist's Report: read by Ivan. Civil Rights was also reviewed, not yet signed.

Other Agency Reports: BWSR: Pete Waller

The re-authorized CREP agreement was received. It has been extended several years, and the area now extends all the way up to Canada. The Legislative session has begun. Gov. Walz has submitted his budget, which includes \$45 million per year for WBIF.

Forestry Update: The next meeting will be held next month. We continue to look at restructuring.

TSA 8 Report: Nothing to report.

Meetings/Trainings: Motion made by Ken Berg, second by Bruce Juntunen to fund 50% for Darren to attend the NACD meeting. Opposed: none, motion carried. Motion made by Bruce Juntunen, second by Jerry Kern for those to attend the outreach training. Opposed: none, motion carried. Motion made by Ken Berg, second by Jerry Kern, to approve those attending the next area meeting. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Soil Health Grant Request: Motion made by Bruce Juntunen, second by Ken Berg to move forward with submitting this grant request. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Tree Planter Agreement: Table for next month

Always There Staffing: Motion made by Ken Berg, second by Jerry Kern to sign the agreement for AIS Staff for this season. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Public Comments: none.

Meeting Adjourned: Meeting adjourned at 8:46 a.m.