



### **Minutes from March 17, 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 7:31 a.m.*

#### **Members Present:**

Chair: Tom Schulz  
Vice Chair: Ken Berg  
Secretary: Brett Dailey  
Treasurer: Jerry Kern  
Public Relations: Bruce Juntunen

#### **Others Present:**

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

**Adopt Agenda:** Motion made by Bruce Juntunen, second by Jerry Kern to adopt the agenda with the addition of CD under the Treasurers Report and Tree Planter under New Business. Opposed: none, motion carried.

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

**Treasurer's Report:** Motion made by Jerry Kern, second by Ken Berg, to approve the Treasurer's Report. Opposed: none, motion carried. Motion made by Brett Dailey, second by Ken Berg to reinvest the maturing CDs for 3 months @ 4% as the 6 month rate was 3.85%. Opposed: none, motion carried. After the meeting I received news that the rates had changed so the following is what they were renewed at: CD 4528 for 3 months @ 4% and 1193 for 6 months @ 4%.

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

#### **County Commissioner's Report:**

- There will be landowner meetings on March 24 & 26<sup>th</sup> regarding ditches. Public hearings will be held in April.
- The Bell Property should to listed soon for sale.

#### **Cost Share:**

##### **LCCMR Cost Share P23-2944:**

**P23-2944-01;** Parkin, Jeffrey; Authorization to approve payment 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.

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## **2025 Soil Health Cost Share:**

**P25-0561-02;** Marjamaa, Wade & Linda; requesting to cancel their cost share assistance for conservation cover. The total estimated cost of the project was \$553.00 with cost sharing of \$414.75 or 75%, whichever is less in Blueberry Township, section 6. Motion made by Bruce Juntunen, second by Brett Dailey to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**District Manager's Report:** Read by Darren

**NRCS District Conservationist's Report:** read by Ivan.

8:07 a.m. Murlyn left the meeting

**Other Agency Reports:** none present.

**Forestry Update:** There will be a meeting this week. The proposed cut of 30% of the state funding for SFIA will be discussed as well as Forest Management plans.

**TSA 8 Report:** The next meeting will be April 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup>, and discussions will be on approving the budget and electing officers.

**Soil Health RCPP Grant:** Motion made by Brett Dailey, second by Ken Berg to authorize Darren to sign. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**Meetings/Trainings:** Motion made by Ken Berg, second by Jerry Kern to approve Anne and Alyson to attend the Area VIII Training Summit. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**Staff JAA Concurrence & Approval:** Motion made by Ken Berg, second by Brett Dailey to approve Alyson's JAA. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**Crow Wing Watershed:** Motion made by Jerry Kern, second by Bruce Juntunen to approve Darren to sign the Agreement for Service with Crow Wing SWCD for the Crow Wing Watershed WBIF Funding. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**Irrigation Scheduler Program:** Discussion was held on the potential purchase of a clamp on Flow Meter.

**Legislative Issues:** Discussions being held at the Capital to reduce SWCD aid statewide from \$15m to \$12m. We are encouraging everyone to send letters, call, etc. to your representatives to encourage them to raise that number back up.

**Aldrich Dam:** Motion made by Ken Berg, second by Jerry Kern to take the lead local partner role and work with the DNR on the possible replacement of the Aldrich Dam. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**Local Work Group Meeting:** Scheduled after the next board meeting on April 21, 2025.

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**Tree Planter Agreement:** Motion made by Ken Berg, second by Brett Dailey to approve the Tree Planter Agreement as presented. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**Public Comments:** none.

**Meeting Adjourned:** Meeting adjourned at 9:22 a.m.