



### Minutes from the April 18, 2022, Board Meeting

The regular monthly board meeting of the Wadena Soil and Water Conservation District was held on Monday, April 18, 2022, at 7:30 a.m. in person at the Sheriff's Building at the fairgrounds. No meeting was held in February due to weather conditions.

*The meeting was called to order by Chair Ken Berg at 7:30 a.m.*

**Members Present:**

Chair: Ken Berg  
Treasurer: Tom Schulz  
Secretary: Nancy Benson  
Public Relations: Brett Dailey

**Others Present:**

County Commissioner: Murlyn Kreklau  
NRCS DC Team Lead: Josh Hanson  
NRCS Soil Conservation Technician: Ivan Reinke  
District Manager: Darren Newville  
Ass't District Manager: Anne Oldakowski  
Admin Secretary: Chantal Tougas  
Area Certification Specialist: Jim Lahn  
Watershed Coordinator: Don Bajumpaa  
District Technician: Alyson Levig

**Members Absent:**

Vice Chair: Bruce Juntunen

**Staff Introductions:** Alyson Levig & Don Bajumpaa introduced themselves to the board.

**Adopt Agenda:** Motion made by Brett Dailey, seconded by Tom Schulz to adopt the agenda with addition. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**Approve Board Meeting Minutes:** Motion made by Tom Schulz, seconded by Nancy Benson to approve March Board Meeting Minutes. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Motion made by Tom Schulz, seconded by Nancy Benson to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Opposed: none, motion carried.

- Motion made by Tom Schulz, seconded by Brett Dailey to approve CD renewal as presented. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**Bills Paid and Bills Payable:** Motion made by Brett Dailey, seconded by Tom Schulz to approve the Bills Paid and Bills Payable as presented. Opposed: none, motion carried.

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**Redeye WBIF Cost Share:**

2022-RE03; Doug's Place LLC; Authorization to encumber funds for a Forest Stewardship Plan, with total cost of \$1,857.00, cost share payment not to exceed \$1,392.75 or 75%, whichever is less in Leaf River Township, section 24 and Wing River Township, section 19. Motion made by Brett Dailey, seconded by Tom Schulz to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

2022-RE01; Patrick Strouth; Authorization to approve payment for a Forest Stewardship Plan, with a total cost of \$770.00, cost share payment not to exceed \$577.50 or 75%, whichever is less in Bullard Township, section 22. Motion made by Nancy Benson, seconded by Brett Dailey to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**BWSR State Cost Share:**

20-07; Morgan Czaia; Authorization to encumber funds for a field windbreak, with a total cost of \$427.00, cost share payment not to exceed \$320.25 or 75%, whichever is less in Rockwood Township, section 31. Motion made by Tom Schulz, seconded by Brett Dailey to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**Cost Share Policy Updates:** Motion made by Brett Daily, seconded by Tom Schulz to approve the policy updates as presented. Opposed: none, motion carried.

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

**NRCS District Conservationist's Report:** as presented by Josh Hanson.

- EQIP: in process of getting signatures for approved EQIP.
- Will be hearing more about urban farming.
- Will be opening the DC for the Wadena office later this summer.

**County Commissioner's Report:**

- Negotiations ongoing for re-districting, with six options on the table.
- Twelve meetings this week.

*\*8:00 am, Ivan Reinke entered the meeting*

**Other Agency Reports:** none

**Forestry Update:** Discussed proposal for LCCMR funding for SWCDs.

**Water Plan Update:** Planning surface water monitoring in Red Eye this spring. There is a MPCA – Crow Wing meeting Thursday.

**TSA 8 Report:** Next meeting is tomorrow. Will be going through PRAP process. HEI has been hired.

**MAWQCP Update:** Jim Lahn presented on MAWQCP.

**Staff Update:** Received resignations from Trisha Demarais and Aimee Duchene. No motion needed.

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**MOA:** Memorandum of Agreement with USDA and NRCS. Motion made by Tom Schulz, seconded by Brett Daily to sign the agreement.

**Office Equipment:** Discussed routine laptop and other electronic equipment replacement schedule.

**Meetings/Trainings:** none

**Public Comments:** none

**Meeting Adjourned:** Motion to adjourn made by Nancy Benson, seconded by Brett Dailey. Opposed: none, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:42 a.m.

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