



Minutes from April 21, 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
District Conservationist – CST Leader: Josh Hanson
NRCS District Conservationist: Ivan Reinke
District Manager: Darren Newville
Assistant District Manager: Anne Oldakowski

Adopt Agenda: Motion made by Ken Berg, second by Brett Dailey to adopt the agenda with the addition of Poster Contest under Area VIII. Opposed: none, motion carried.

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

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

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

Cost Share:

Crow Wing WBIF Cost Share C25-0310:

8-C25-0310-01; Etter Farms LCC; Authorization to encumber funds for strip tillage for 3 years on 107 acres, with a flat rate of \$22.50/acre/year for a total cost of \$7,222.50, in Blueberry Township, sections 20 and 24. Motion made by Bruce Juntunen, second by Brett Dailey to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

8-C25-0310-02; VanElsberg, Greg; Authorization to encumber funds for a forest stewardship plan, with a total cost of \$1,713.00, cost share payment not to exceed \$856.50 or 50%, whichever is less in Orton Township, sections 12,13. (157 acres, written by Anne) Motion made by Bruce Juntunen, second by Ken Berg to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

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MDA Weed Management Grant 264520:

264520-2025-01; Leaf River Township; Authorization to encumber funds for wild parsnip management, with a flat rate of \$1,000 in Leaf River Township. Motion made by Brett Dailey, second by Jerry Kern to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

County Commissioner's Report:

- Interviews for the new City administrator will start soon.
- There have been discussions on remodeling of the Extension Building on Fairgrounds.
- Possible tax increases coming in the county due to the state shifting responsibilities down to the county. PILT, homestead exclusions would be a few that could be affected.

District Manager's Report: Read by Darren

NRCS District Conservationist's Report: read by Ivan. Josh noted it's been an interesting month with a massive reorganization.

Other Agency Reports: none present.

Forestry Update: Tom reported on the March 20th meeting regarding presentation on Forest Carbon Works, DNR nursery updates, & MFRC overview.

TSA 8 Report: Last meeting was April 8th. SWCD's are submitting requests for funding. Officers were re-elected. Tom also attended a LIDAR meeting in St. Cloud with the TSA8 GIS consultant Mitch Brinks to look at products that would be useful for SWCD's.

Irrigation Program: Motion made by Ken Berg, second by Brett Dailey to pay half of the cost of a Flowmeter. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Crow Wing Watershed: Reviewed the Agreement. Tom noted that this was discussed.

Meetings/Trainings: no meetings with payment approval.

MASWCD: Just a note to be thinking of any you would like brought forward.

Area VIII Envirothon: Motion made by Ken Berg, second by Brett Dailey to approve a \$300 donation . Opposed: none, motion carried.

Poster Contest: Motion made by Brett Dailey, second by Bruce Juntunen to set aside \$200 for the poster contest. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Public Comments: none.

Meeting Adjourned: Meeting adjourned at 8:29 a.m.

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