



Minutes from the May 16, 2022, Board Meeting

The regular monthly board meeting of the Wadena Soil and Water Conservation District was held on Monday, May 16, 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
Vice Chair: Bruce Juntunen
Treasurer: Tom Schulz
Secretary: Nancy Benson

Others Present:

County Commissioner: Murlyn Kreklau
NRCS Soil Conservation Technician: Ivan Reinke
District Manager: Darren Newville
Ass't District Manager: Anne Oldakowski

Members Absent:

Public Relations: Brett Dailey

Adopt Agenda: Adding SFEC dues under Bills Paid & Payable, Add FSA report regarding storm damage under NRCS report. Motion made by Tom Schulz, seconded by Bruce Juntunen to adopt the agenda with additions. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Approve Board Meeting Minutes: Update month to April on minutes. Motion made by Nancy Benson, seconded by Bruce Juntunen to approve April Board Meeting Minutes with change. 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.

- CD cashed out at \$107,833.42; reviewed by Tom Schulz via email

Bills Paid and Bills Payable: SFEC dues of \$125.00 added to bills payable. Motion made by Tom Schulz, seconded by Bruce Juntunen to approve the Bills Paid and Bills Payable as presented. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Redeye WBIF Cost Share:

2022-RE04; Kempe, Brad; Authorization to encumber funds for an irrigation conversion, with total cost of \$31,900, cost share payment not to exceed \$6,225.00 or 75%, whichever is less in Wadena Township, section 36. *Landowner receiving EQIP funds of approximately \$17,700 so \$6,225 will bring him to 75% total for the project. Motion made by Tom Schulz, seconded by Nancy Benson to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

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

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NRCS District Conservationist's Report: as presented by Ivan Reinke.

- CSP: accepted 2 applications for contracts, getting ready to obligate
- EQIP: obligated all approved applications.
- Have been doing site visits, checking trees.
- FSA report (per Kayla): Do we know how many farms in the county were impacted by recent storms? Ask Tyler Wheeler from Emergency Mgmt. Also monitoring excess precipitation. Any losses from the May 12 storm?

County Commissioner's Report:

- Negotiations ongoing.
- Todd County ditch inspector presented to the County; our county needs to create a process for assessment of ditches.
- County is looking to hire for a part-time position in the Extension office.

Other Agency Reports: none

Forestry Update: presented by Tom Schulz

- Forestry meeting on Thursday
- Looking over plan of work, articles of incorporation, and 501(c)3 status.
- Status of Federal funds unknown right now; Darren mentioned there are also state applications available.

Water Plan Update: presented by Anne Oldakowski and Darren Newville

- Long Prairie plan is in draft form and we will formally adopt the plan when final.
- Crow Wing 1W1P planning grant application will be submitted in early June.
- Redeye Surface Water Assessment Grant – will begin monitoring this week and through the summer.

TSA 8 Report: presented by Tom Schulz

- TSA survey sent out to SWCD managers.
- Meeting on June 29.

Resolutions/Supervisor Filing Period: Filing period is May 17 – May 31, 2022. Nancy, Ken, and Brett's seats are up for election.

- We have two resolutions:
 - 1) Using ecologically friendly products at MASWCD events. Motion made by Tom Schulz, seconded by Bruce Juntunen to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.
 - 2) Support enrollment changes to SFIA. Motion made by Tom Schulz to approve with DNR changes, seconded by Bruce Juntunen. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Forestry Plan Rates: Forest Stewardship Committee notes – 22% is a defensible number for overhead costs, pickup health care. DNR is going to \$300/plan plus \$9.00/acre. Motion made by Nancy Benson, seconded by Tom Schulz to approve the new rate fees as of today. Opposed: none, motion carried.

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Meetings/Trainings: see list attached to May agenda

- June 10th Area 8 Meeting, \$16/person – Motion made by Tom Schulz, seconded by Bruce Juntunen to approve attendance.
- June 13th Redeye policy meeting

Public Comments: Ideas for nominations in Nancy's district? Discussion on keeping districts land-based.

Meeting Adjourned: Meeting adjourned at 8:43 a.m.

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