

Minutes from the June 20, 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 7:34 a.m.

Members Present: Chair: Ken Berg

Vice Chair: Bruce Juntunen Treasurer: Tom Schulz Secretary: Nancy Benson

Others Present: County Commissioner: Murlyn Kreklau

District Manager: Darren Newville

Ass't District Manager: Anne Oldakowski Admin, Ed, & Outreach Asst: Kristi Rorah

Members Absent: Public Relations: Brett Dailey

Adopt Agenda: Motion made by Bruce Juntunen, seconded by Nancy Benson, to adopt the agenda with additions. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Approve Board Meeting Minutes: Motion made by Nancy Benson, seconded by Bruce Juntunen to approve May 2022 Board Meeting Minutes. Opposed: none, motion carried.

* 7:36 a.m. Tom Schulz arrived

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

Bills Paid and Bills Payable: Motion made by Bruce Juntunen, seconded by Nancy Benson, to approve the Bills Paid and Bills Payable as presented. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Cost Share: none

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

NRCS District Conservationist's Report: none

County Commissioner's Report:

- Expanded Judicial Ditch Committee to include two county commissioners.
- Labor negotiations for 2022 are ongoing.
- Starting the budget process for 2023.

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.



Other Agency Reports: none

Forestry Update: presented by Tom Schulz

- LCCMR grant: spread over three watersheds
- Next meeting will be in Grand Rapids

Water Plan Update:

- Long Prairie draft plan is complete.
- Very small area of the LP watershed is in Wadena County. Recommending Wadena SWCD adopt the plan and sign on to implementation.
- Motion made by Tom Schultz, seconded by Nancy Benson, to participate in the LP watershed collaborative agreement. Opposed: none, motion carried.

TSA 8 Report: presented by Tom Schulz

• Going through the process to try to decide how to proceed going forward with TSA staff/engineering.

Meetings/Trainings:

- MACAI Short Course and Annual Meeting, July 18-20 in Morton MN, \$250 registration plus hotel. Motion made by Nancy Benson, seconded by Bruce Juntunen, to approve staff attending the MACAI short course.
- Discussed MASWCD leadership training

RIM Work Order: Motion to approve signing of the Champaign work order made by Tom Schultz, seconded by Nancy Benson. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Public Comments: none

Meeting Adjourned: Meeting adjourned at 8:17 a.m.