



Minutes from the July 15, 2024, 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 Bruce Juntunen at 7:30 a.m.

Members Present:

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

Others Present:

County Commissioner: Murlyn Kreklau
BWSR Board Conservationist: Pete Waller
NRCS District Conservationist: Ivan Reinke
EOT SWCD Liaison: Bruce Albright
District Manager: Darren Newville
Assistant District Manager: Anne Oldakowski
Administrative Secretary: Chantal Tougas

Adopt Agenda: Motion made by Brett Dailey, second by Tom Schulz to adopt the agenda as presented with the following addition: under 12. Add the Long Prairie WBIF and 17. Tom for Public Comments. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Approve Board Meeting Minutes: Motion made by Ken Bery, second by Tom Schulz to approve last month's Board Meeting Minutes. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Motion made by Jerry Kern, second by Brett Dailey to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Opposed: none, motion carried.

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

Cost Share

P22-5742-01; Callahan, Stacy; Authorization to amend contract due to a slight increase in costs to install the project, with a total cost of \$564.00, cost-share payment not to exceed \$423.00 or 75%, whichever is less in Aldrich Township, section 26. Motion made by Ken Berg, second by Brett Dailey to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

P22-5742-01; Callahan, Stacy; Authorization to approve payment for a field windbreak, with a total cost of \$564.00, cost-share payment not to exceed \$423.00 or 75%, whichever is less in Aldrich Township, section 26. Motion made by Ken Berg, second by Jerry Kern to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

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County Commissioner's Report: Wadena County has hired someone for Determination of Ditches. There will be a public hearing in the next 30 days. Land transfers are in progress and should be completed over the next year. This will relieve the townships.

District Manager's Report: Read by Darren

NRCS District Conservationist's Report:

- EQIP – One contract to finish up with signatures. New applications are still coming in.
- CTA – Plenty of new interest in projects. Grazing, Irrigation, Tree plantings, Pollinator Habitat, etc. Ag Waste Closure.
- CSP – 1 application left to obligate. Meeting with applicants for final fixes and approvals.
- CRP – Plans and Status Reviews
- 1-26 requests from FSA Acreage Certification
- Wadena County Farmers Union July 31
- Grazing Workshop September 26-27, 2024

Other Agency Reports: BWSR Board Conservationist Pete Waller: Legislative Summary was discussed.

Forestry Update: There is a meeting scheduled for this Thursday. Review of Jason Weinerman's report of the last meeting is on the agenda. There will be a tour of the Savanna pallet plant.

Crow Wing 1W1P: A presentation overview of the Crow Wing 1W1P was presented. Motion made by Tom Schulz, second by Ken Berg to volunteer to be the Fiscal Agent for this grant. Opposed: none, motion carried. Motion made by Ken Berg, second by Tom Schulz to approve Todd County to be the Fiscal Agent for the Long Prairie WBIF Grant. Opposed: none, motion carried.

TSA 8 Report: The new system is working well, and money seems to be flowing to the districts like it should be.

Meetings/Trainings:

- The Area VIII Tour is set for September 26-27, 2024. There will also be a County Commissioner/SWCD Joint Tour with the date yet to be determined.

2025 Draft Budget: Motion made by Brett Dailey, second by Tom Schulz to approve the proposed 2025 budget. Opposed: none, motion carried.

2024 MASWCD Awards Nominations: Motion made by Tom Schulz, second by Brett Dailey to nominate Brad Kempe for the Conservation Cooperator Award. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Public Comments: Tom Schulz brought up the Soil Health Coalition in Redwood Falls on July 16-17, 2024, if anyone wanted to attend. Motion made by Ken Berg, second by Tom Schulz to update Anne's NRCS computer. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned: Meeting adjourned at 8:30 a.m.

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