



### Minutes from the August 19, 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:**

NRCS District Conservationist: Ivan Reinke  
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 4. Add the Audit. Motion made by Tom Schulz, second by Brett Dailey. Opposed: none, motion carried.

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

**Treasurer's Report:** Motion made by Brett Dailey, second by Tom Schulz to approve the Treasurer's Report. Brett Dailey mentioned mature dates on CD's need updating. Opposed: none, motion carried. *Note: Dates were updated after the meeting and sent out to board members.* Motion made by Tom Schulz, second by Brett Dailey to approve signing the Management Representation letter from Peterson Company. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**Bills Paid and Bills Payable:** Motion made by Jerry Kern, second by Tom Schulz to approve the Bills Paid and Bills Payable as presented. Opposed: none, motion carried.

## Cost Share

### 2022 Local Capacity P22-6162:

**RCP-01;** Hovius, Austin; Authorization to approve payment for irrigation sprinkler system (VRI), with a total cost of \$75,805.60, cost share payment not to exceed \$15,000 or 75% whichever is less in Aldrich Township, sections 27,28,33,34. Motion made by Ken Berg, second by Brett Dailey to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

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### **2023 Local Capacity Cost Share P23-2523:**

**8-P23-2523-01;** Putzke, Scott; Authorization to amend contract due to increases in costs to close manure pit, with a total cost of \$26,600, cost share payment not to exceed \$19,950 or 75% whichever is less in Rockwood Township, section 23. This is a payment increase of \$5950.00. Motion made by Tom Schulz, second by Jerry Kern to approve this amendment. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**8-P23-2523-01;** Putzke, Scott; Authorization to approve payment for closure of a manure pit, with a total cost of \$26,600, cost share payment not to exceed \$19,950 or 75% whichever is less in Rockwood Township, section 23. Motion made by Tom Schulz, second by Brett Dailey to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

### **2023 Soil Health P23-2744:**

**8-P23-2744-03;** Clarksean, Dean; is requesting cost share assistance for cover crops on 212 acres. This is a one-year flat rate/acre contract of \$25/acre; cost share payment not to exceed \$5,300 in Wadena Township, section 30, Leaf Lake Township, section 13, Compton Township, section 9, and Newton Township, section 28. Motion made by Brett Dailey, second by Tom Schulz to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

### **2022 State Cost Share:**

**8-P22-5742-02;** Berg, Ken; Authorization to amend contract due to increases in costs to close manure pits, with a total cost of \$11,118.56, cost share payment not to exceed \$8,338.92 or 75% whichever is less in Thomastown Township, section 34. This is a payment increase of \$1,213.92. Motion made by Brett Dailey, second by Tom Schulz to approve this amendment. Opposed: none, motion carried. *Note: Ken Berg abstained from voting.*

**8-P22-5742-02;** Berg, Ken; Authorization to approve payment for two ag waste pit closures, with a total cost of \$11,118.56, cost share payment not to exceed \$8,338.92 or 75% whichever is less in Thomastown Township, section 34. (also using 2023 State Cost Share) Motion made by Jerry Kern, second by Brett Dailey to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried. *Note: Ken Berg abstained from voting.*

### **Redeye WBIF Cost Share:**

**6-C25-0118-01;** Hovius, Austin; is requesting cost share assistance for cover crops on 320 acres. This is a three-year flat rate/acre contract of \$41/acre; cost share payment not to exceed \$39,360.00 in Wadena Township, section 15, Aldrich Township, section 2, 7, 22, 23, 28, Thomastown Township, section 10, and Wing River Township, section 24. Motion made by Brett Dailey, second by Ken Berg to approve. Opposed none, motion carried.

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**County Commissioner's Report:** not present

**District Manager's Report:** Read by Darren

**NRCS District Conservationist's Report:**

- EQIP – all contracts are up for obligation. New applications still coming in.
- CSP – all contracts have been obligated. Currently gathering information for fall payments, and sending letters out.
- CRP – Plans and Status Reviews
- 1026 requests from FSA Acreage Certification
- Guest Speaker at Wadena County Farmers Union July 31
- Upcoming Events:
  - Grazing Workshop September 26-27, 2024
  - SWCD Area VIII Meeting September 4-5
  - Grazing Cohort September 5
  - NRCS Fiscal Year End: September 30, 2024

**Other Agency Reports:** none present.

**Forestry Update:** At the meeting in McGregor, MN Jason Weinerman's report was discussed. An application for submission is in the works for an Innovation Grant that would hire a coordinator for the Forestry Association.

**Crow Wing 1W1P:** Currently out for the 60-day comment period.

**TSA 8 Report:** Pre-Budget meeting scheduled for Thursday via Zoom.

**Meetings/Trainings:** Motion made by Ken Berg, second By Tom Schulz to approve those wishing to attend BWSR Academy and the costs involved (Registration/Hotel). Opposed: none, motion carried.

**Agreement for Services:** Motion made by Brett Dailey, second by Jerry Kern to approve and sign the Agreement for Services for the Leaf Wing Redeye River WBIF (Redeye 3.0). Opposed: none, motion carried.

**WCA:** Information only. Possible violation status discussed.

**Resolution for SWCD Aid Guidelines:** Motion made by Ken Berg, second by Tom Schulz to approve the guidelines as presented to post on our website. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**Public Comments:** Tom Schulz brought up Governance 101 that he attended. History of SWCD's, Training of our employees, and systems for evaluating districts were a few topics discussed that Tom mentioned.

**Meeting Adjourned:** Meeting adjourned at 9:02 a.m.

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