



### **Minutes from the September 19, 2022, 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 Ken Berg at 7:30 a.m.*

#### **Members Present:**

Chair: Ken Berg  
Vice Chair: Bruce Juntunen  
Treasurer: Tom Schulz  
Secretary: Nancy Benson  
Public Relations: Brett Dailey

#### **Others Present:**

County Commissioner: Murlyn Kreklau  
NRCS Team Lead: Josh Hanson  
District Manager: Darren Newville  
Ass't District Manager: Anne Oldakowski  
Administrative Assistant: Chantal Tougas

**Adopt Agenda:** Motion made by Tom Schulz, seconded by Brett Dailey, to adopt the agenda as presented. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**Approve Board Meeting Minutes:** Motion made by Nancy Benson, seconded by Bruce Juntunen to approve the previous month Board Meeting Minutes. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Motion made by Tom Schulz, seconded by Brett Dailey to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Opposed: none, motion carried.

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

*7:33 a.m. B.J. Allen from Region 5 Development entered the meeting*

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

2022-RE07; Nolte, Eric & Tim; authorization to encumber funds for cover crops. This is a three-year contract for a total flat rate in the amount of \$7,200 (\$15/acre for 160 acres) in North Germany Township, possible sections 4,5,8,9,10. Landowners are not sure which fields yet until this fall's harvest. Motion made by Tom Schulz, seconded by Bruce Juntunen to approve. Oppose: none, motion carried.

2022-RE08; Ament, Jason & Nicole; authorization to encumber funds for a forest stewardship plan, with a total cost of \$1,051.50, cost share payment not to exceed \$788.63 or 75%, whichever is less in Rockwood Township, section 15. Motion made by Tom Schulz, seconded by Nancy Benson to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

*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.*

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

**NRCS District Conservationist's Report:** The Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) is going to bring 19.5 billion in funding for conservation.

**County Commissioner's Report:**

- The budget came in at 11% increase.
- Presented to AMC to lobby for change in taxes for State Funding.

**Other Agency Reports:** none

**Forestry Update:** The meeting last week was attended virtually by Tom Schulz. There was a presentation on the North Shore Cooperative and how they are dealing with dying birch, blow downs, invasive species, and deer browse along the north shore.

**Water Plan Update:** The funding for the Red Eye is being spent and soon the next round of implementation funding will be available. The Crow Wing planning grant has been funded. The Long Prairie plan will be brought to the BWSR Northern Region Committee for approval in early October.

**TSA 8 Report:** The PRAP report has been completed and there are 9 options for action available. Everyone has agreed to keep the need for GIS & Public Relations assistance.

**Region 5 Development Presentation:** Region 5 covers five counties: Cass, Crow Wing, Morris, Todd, and Wadena. They offer loans for septic & wells. Ideas were presented for working together with these five SWCD's. Region 5 is currently assisting the cities of Menahga and Sebeka with needed projects.

**District Capacity & Buffer Grants:** Motion made by Nancy Benson, seconded by Brett Dailey to approve Darren to sign these contracts when they arrive. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**Meetings/Trainings:**

- BWSR Academy • October 25-27, 2022
- MASWCD Convention • December 12-14, 2022

**Public Comments:** none

**Meeting Adjourned:** Meeting adjourned at 8:52 a.m.