



Minutes from the October 17, 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 7:32 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
Assistant District Manager: Anne Oldakowski

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

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

Treasurer's Report: Motion made by Tom Schulz, seconded by Bruce Juntunen to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Opposed: none, motion carried. Motion made by Tom Schulz, second by Nancy Benson to approve the 2021 Audit. Opposed: none, motion carried.

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

Redeye WBIF Cost Share:

2022-RE06; Franklin, David; authorization to approve payment for a forest stewardship plan, with total cost of \$1,380.00, cost share payment not to exceed \$1,035 or 75%, whichever is less in Lyons Township, section 32. Motion made by Nancy Benson, second by Tom Schulz to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

2022-RE09; Thompson, Tyler; authorization to encumber funds for a forest stewardship plan, with a total cost of \$886.00, cost share payment not to exceed \$664.50 or 75%, whichever is less in Aldrich Township, section 14. (Consultant written) Motion made by Nancy Benson, second by Bruce Juntunen to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Cover Crop:

CC-01: Clarksean, Dean; requesting third year payment for cover crops. This is a three-year contract for a total flat rate amount authorized not to exceed \$13,500.00 with the third-year payment of \$4,500.00. Motion made by Brett Dailey, second by Tom Schulz to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

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CC-02; Schock, Andrew; requesting third year payment for cover crops. This is a three-year contract for a total flat rate amount authorized not to exceed \$13,500.00 with the third-year payment of \$4,500.00. Motion made by Ken Berg, second by Tom Schulz to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

CC-03; Matthews, Harold; requesting third year payment for cover crops. This is a three-year contract for a total flat rate amount authorized not to exceed \$1,012.50 with the third-year payment of \$337.50. Motion made by Bruce Juntunen, second by Tom Schulz to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

BWSR State Cost Share:

2020-08; Bernstetter, Greg; authorization to encumber funds for ag waste pit closure, with a total cost of \$11,575.00, cost share payment not to exceed \$8,681.25 or 75%, whichever is less in North Germany Township, section 31.

*These funds will use up the 2020 cost share funds and part of the 2021 funds. Motion made by Tom Schulz, second by Brett Dailey to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

District Manager's Report: as written and reported by Anne Oldakowski.

NRCS District Conservationist's Report:

- CSP – Working on 2023 renewal apps
- CSP – 2022 payments going out soon
- Working on conservation plans with Landowners
- DC application in Wadena opened and closed

County Commissioner's Report:

- Septic system funding available.
- Working on the Budget. Social services is a large portion of that.

Other Agency Reports: none

Forestry Update: Discussed RCPP & NGO's receiving funds. Wanting work done on the ground, not just for admins.

Water Plan Update: reported in District Manager report.

TSA 8 Report: Meeting tomorrow in Bemidji and will be discussing options.

Resolutions: Ballots were turned in and will be submitted to MASWCD.

Soil Health Grant: Anne discussed the Grant & Workplan. Motion made by Nancy Benson, seconded by Brett Dailey to approve Darren to sign this grant when it arrives. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Equipment: Motion made by Brett Dailey, second by Tom Schulz to approve the quote from John's for 2 front wheel bearings on the Silverado. Opposed: none, motion carried.

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Meetings/Trainings: The annual convention is December 12-14, 2022. Details coming soon.

Public Comments: Nancy informed us that Jerry Kern will be filing as a write-in candidate for her replacement. MASWCD Board meeting is at the CLC on Wednesday.

Meeting Adjourned: Meeting adjourned at 8:28 a.m.

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