



### Minutes from October 21, 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 7:32 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: correction on TSA meeting date. Opposed: none, motion carried.

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

**Treasurer's Report:** Motion made by Brett Dailey, second by Jerry Kern to approve the Treasurer's Report.

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

#### 2023 SOIL HEALTH COST SHARE:

**P23-2744-03;** Clarksean, Dean; authorization to approve payment for cover crops on 212 acres, with a total cost share payment not to exceed \$5,300. This is a one-year flat rate/acre contract of \$25/acre 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.

**P23-2744-04;** Hendrickx, Michael; authorization to approve payment for cover crops on 11.5 acres, with a total cost share payment not to exceed \$402.50. This is a one-year multi-species flat rate/acre contract of \$35/acre in Rockwood Township, section 28. Motion Made by Tom Schulz, second by Jerry Kern to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**P23-2744-05;** Kveton, John; is requesting cost share assistance for cover crops on 70 acres. This is a one-year single species flat rate/acre contract of \$25/acre; cost share payment not to exceed \$1,750 in Wing River, section 15. *Pre-approval by Assistant Manager.* Motion made by Brett Dailey, second by Jerry Kern to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

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**P23-2744-06;** Line, Jamie; is requesting cost share assistance for cover crops on 60 acres. This is a one-year single species flat rate/acre contract of \$25/acre; cost share payment not to exceed \$1,500 in Aldrich Township, sections 8 & 9. *Pre-approval by Assistant Manager.* Motion made by Ken Berg, second by Tom Schulz to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**P23-2744-06;** Line, Jamie; authorization to approve payment for cover crops on 60 acres. This is a one-year single species flat rate/acre contract of \$25/acre; cost share payment not to exceed \$1,500 in Aldrich Township, sections 8 & 9. Motion made by Ken Berg, second by Brett Dailey to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**P23-2744-07;** Weiher, Keith; is requesting cost share assistance for cover crops on 89 acres. This is a one-year single species flat rate/acre contract of \$25/acre; cost share payment not to exceed \$2,225 in Aldrich Township, section 32 and Wadena Township, section 36. *Pre-approval by Assistant Manager.* Motion made by Ken Berg, second by Tom Schulz to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**P23-2744-07;** Weiher, Keith; authorization to approve payment for cover crops on 89 acres. This is a one-year single species flat rate/acre contract of \$25/acre; cost share payment not to exceed \$2,225 in Aldrich Township, section 32 and Wadena Township, section 36. Motion made by Ken Berg, second by Jerry Kern to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

#### **LCCMR COST SHARE P23-2944:**

**03-2023;** Brejcha, Brad & April; Authorization to approve payment for a forest stewardship plan, with a total cost of \$1,254.00, cost share payment not to exceed \$933.75 or 75%, whichever is less in Aldrich Township, sections 11 & 15. (106 acres, written by Anne) Motion made by Ken Berg, second by Brett Dailey to approve. Oppose: none, motion carried.

#### **REDEYE WBIF COST SHARE C21-3238 (EOT):**

**C21-3238-03;** Ament, Stan & Caleb; are requesting cost share assistance for an ag waste pit closure. The total estimated cost of the project is \$15,570.00 with cost sharing of \$11,677.50 or 75%, whichever is less in North Germany Township, Section 33. (Will also be using Redeye C22-7830 funding) Motion made by Tom Schulz, second by Jerry Kern to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

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

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

#### **NRCS District Conservationist's Report:**

- EQIP – Ranking period closed September 6 on Sign up number 2. Busy working through planning and making payments for installed practices from last year.
- CSP –Having conversations with contract holders on 2024 payments and certifications. Starting to process 1245's. Renewal application work.
- 1026 request from FSA Acreage Certification

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- The State Conservationist was here October 1<sup>st</sup> and visited the Brett Dailey farm.
- Attended:
  - Dale Schmitz Farm Pasture Walk September 26<sup>th</sup>.
  - Grazing Workshop September 27-28, George Heller Farm, Greg Judy

**Other Agency Reports:** none present.

**Forestry Update:** At the last meeting the State Climatologist gave a presentation. He mentioned that the dew points have been rising over the last decade. The next meeting in December will focus on the Forestry Association and whether to raise the dues. Tom and Anne attended the West Central MFRC tour and meeting at Barsness Park in Glenwood, which has a large amount of Buckthorn. Their Buckthorn Brigade has been working on control. Goats were brought in to chew down the buckthorn. Interesting Fact: Goats will leave the last 6" of buckthorn alone as they prefer to eat higher on plants and protect themselves from parasites, when if consumed by the goats will cause paralysis in the back legs of the goats.

**TSA 8 Report:** Next meeting October 23 in Bemidji. *This is a correction from last month where I had it listed as November.* The topic of discussion is whether to charge for dues. Tom will not be able to attend.

**Crow Wing Watershed:** Motion to send Draft Implementation MOU & Draft Resolution to BWSR by Ken Berg, second by Brett Dailey. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**Meetings/Trainings:** BWSR Academy next week. Discussed resolution and who will be attending the Annual Convention. Tom mentioned attending a green ammonia summit in December in Morris. Groundwater Atlas meeting November 18 from 1-4 pm.

**Grant Extension:** Motion made by Tom Schulz, second by Brett Dailey to approve requesting one year extension on the 22 and 23 State Cost Share grants. Ag waste closure projects encumbered have yet to be completed. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**iPad's/Arc Pro:** Motion made by Tom Schulz, second by Brett Dailey to upgrade the existing iPads for \$399 and purchase ArcPro (3 licenses x \$2,200/year). Opposed: none, motion carried.

**Public Comments:** none

**Meeting Adjourned:** Meeting adjourned at 8:47 a.m.

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