



Minutes from the November 21, 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
Public Relations: Brett Dailey

Members Absent:

Secretary: Nancy Benson

Others Present:

County Commissioner: Murlyn Kreklau
NRCS Team Lead: Josh Hanson
NRCS District Conservationist: Ivan Reinke
District Manager: Darren Newville
Assistant District Manager: Anne Oldakowski
Administrative Assistant: Chantal Tougas

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

Approve Board Meeting Minutes: Motion made by Brett Dailey, seconded by Tom Schulz 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.

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

Redeye WBIF Cost Share:

2022-RE05; Schock, Dale; requesting first year payment 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 Wadena Township, section 2 and Aldrich Township, section 24, with the first-year payment of \$2,400.00. Motion made by Brett Dailey, second by Tom Schulz to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

2022-RE07; Nolte, Eric & Tim; requesting first year payment 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, with the first-year payment of \$2,400.00. Motion made by Tom Schulz, second by Brett Dailey to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

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2022-RE10; Trout, Jason; authorization to encumber funds for a forest stewardship plan, with a total cost of \$633.00, cost share payment not to exceed \$474.75 or 75%, whichever is less in Leaf River Township, section 16. (37 acres) Motion made by Brett Dailey, second by Bruce Juntunen to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

DC 2021 Cost Share:

DC 2018-02; Meech, Reese; requesting first year payment 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 Orton Township, sections 14,15,16,21,22,25,36 and Lyons Township section 2, with the first-year payment of \$2,400.00. Motion made by Tom Schulz, second by Brett Dailey to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

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

NRCS District Conservationist's Report: Josh introduced Ivan Reinke as the new District Conservationist. The following report was given by Ivan. Currently making CSP & EQIP payments & certifications. Had one 2023 CSP renewal approved but they declined at the last minute. EQIP sign up ended on November 18, 2022. 21 applications were received for 2023. RCPP Irrigation sign up continues through December 16, 2022. A building accessibility compliance check was completed last week.

County Commissioner's Report:

- 2022 negotiations are finished for Wadena County.
- Social services had a 26% budget increase from last year.
- Wadena County has a new resident recruitment campaign called "Wadena County is Calling" through the Economic Alliance.
- Thomastown Township vacated a road.

Other Agency Reports: none

Forestry Update: LCCMR Grant is providing funding for three watersheds, including the Redeye. Our regular meeting was last week with Becker SWCD joining the SWCD Forestry Association. DNR is looking to purchase more cold storage for pulling more trees in the fall. BWSR and DNR are still working on their MOU.

Water Plan Update:

- Motion made by Tom Schulz, second by Brett Dailey to accept the resolution to adopt the Long Prairie Watershed plan. Opposed: none, motion carried.
- Motion made by Tom Schulz, second by Brett Dailey to nominate Ken Berg as a Policy Committee member for the Long Prairie Watershed, with Bruce Juntunen as an alternate in the event Ken is unable to attend. Opposed: none, motion carried.
- Motion made by Brett Dailey, second by Tom Schulz to approve the Implementation MOA for the Long Prairie Watershed. Opposed: none, motion carried.

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TSA 8 Report: A board meeting was held and a conclusion was made that the supervisors do not have a handle on staff needs. A decision was made to keep two contracted service providers (option 4). Motion made by Tom Schulz, second by Brett Dailey to support a move to Option 4. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Meetings/Trainings: Motion made by Tom Schulz, second by Bruce Juntunen to send staff and up to 5 producers to the Soil Management Summit in St. Cloud, December 15-16, 2022. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Equipment: Motion made by Brett Dailey, second by Bruce Juntunen to approve the quote for struts & tires on the Van. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Public Comments: Just a reminder that the December meeting is at 10:00 a.m. We discussed the convention. Darren mentioned he plans to hold a staff/board retreat in late winter.

Meeting Adjourned: Meeting adjourned at 9:03 a.m.