



### Minutes from November 18, 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 (*via Teams*)  
Secretary: Ken Berg  
Treasurer: Brett Dailey

**Members Absent:** Public Relations: Jerry Kern

**Others Present:** County Commissioner: Murlyn Kreklau  
NRCS District Conservationist: Ivan Reinke  
District Manager: Darren Newville  
Assistant District Manager: Anne Oldakowski  
Administrative Secretary: Chantal Tougas

**Adopt Agenda:** Motion made by Ken Berg, second by Tom Schulz to adopt the agenda as presented with the following: add QB Fix under Treasurers Report. 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 Tom Schulz, second by Ken Berg to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion made by Ken Berg, second by Tom Schulz to authorize Chantal as the Primary Contact for Wadena SWCD Quickbooks account. Opposed: none, motion carried.

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

## Cost Share

### 2022 Local Capacity:

**8-P22-6162-01;** Flying Cow Farms; authorization to amend contract due to increases in costs to close manure pit, with a total cost of \$32,921.00, cost share payment not to exceed \$24,690.75 or 75% whichever is less in Leaf River Township, section 16. This is a payment increase of \$13,606.87. Motion made by Brett Dailey, second by Ken Berg to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

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**8-P22-6162-01;** Flying Cow Farms; authorization to approve payment for closure of a manure pit, with a total cost of \$32,921.00, cost share payment not to exceed \$24,690.75 or 75% whichever is less in Leaf River Township, section 16. (Will also be using 23 Local Capacity and 23 State Cost Share) Motion made by Brett Dailey, second by Ken Berg to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**LCCMR Cost Share P23-2944:**

**06-2023;** Schouveller, Keith & Jan; authorization to approve payment for a forest stewardship plan, with a total cost of \$1,320.00, cost share payment not to exceed \$990.00 or 75%, whichever is less in Wing River Township, section 14. (120 acres, written by Anne) Motion made by Ken Berg, second by Brett Dailey to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**08-2023;** Bormann, Corey; Authorization to amend contract for a forest stewardship plan due to purchasing an additional 40 acres, with a total cost of \$2,500.00, cost share payment not to exceed \$1,875.00 or 75%, whichever is less in Wing River Township, section 17. (160 acres, written by consultant) This is an additional cost share amount of \$450.00. Motion made by Brett Dailey, second by Ken Berg to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**Redeye WBIF Cost Share C21-3238 (EOT):**

**2022-RE05;** Schock, Dale; requesting third-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 third-year payment of \$2,400.00. Motion made by Brett Dailey, second by Ken Berg to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**8-C21-3238-01;** Tuinstra, Mike; requesting first-year payment for irrigation water management. This is a three-year contract for a total flat rate in the amount of \$1,500 in Aldrich Township, section 3, with the first-year payment of \$500.00 (\$431.70 will be used from C21-3238 and \$1,068.30 will be used from C22-7830.) Motion made by Ken Berg, second by Brett Dailey to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**2022-RE10;** Trout, Jason; authorization to approve payment 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, written by Anne) Motion made by Brett Dailey, second by Ken Berg to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**C21-3238-02;** Perius Farm; landowner wishes to cancel his contract for cover crops on 168 acres as he did not get the fields planted. This was planned to be a one-year flat rate/acre contract of \$25/acre; the cost share payment was not to exceed \$4,200 in Aldrich Township, section 20. Motion made by Ken Berg, second by Brett Dailey to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

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**C21-3238-03;** Ament, Stan & Caleb; authorization to amend contract amount for an ag waste pit closure to \$15,750.00 and landowner to only Stan. Original amount was transposed. Cost share payment not to exceed \$11,812.50 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 Ken Berg to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**C21-3238-03;** Ament, Stan; authorization to approve payment for an ag waste pit closure, with a total cost of \$15,750.00, cost share payment not to exceed \$11,812.50 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 Ken Berg to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**Redeye WBIF Cost Share C25-0118 (EOT):**

**8-C25-0118-01;** Hovius, Austin; requesting first-year payment for cover crops. This is a three-year contract for a total flat rate in the amount of \$39,360.00 (\$41/acre for 320 acres) in Wadena Township, sections 15, 28, Aldrich Township, sections 2, 7, 22, 23, 28, Thomastown Township, section 10, and Wing River Township, section 24, with the first-year payment of \$13,120.00. (Will also be using funds from C21-3238 and C22-7830) Motion made by Ken Berg, second by Brett Dailey to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**Redeye WBIF Cost Share C22-7830 (EOT):**

**8-C22-7830-01;** Kern, Gene; requesting cost share assistance for an ag waste pit closure. The total estimated cost of the project is \$9,850 with cost sharing of \$7,387.50 or 75%, whichever is less in North Germany Township, section 28. Motion made by Tom Schulz, second by Ken Berg to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**DC 2022 Cost Share:**

**DC 2018-02;** Meech, Reese; requesting third-year payment for cover crops. This contract was amended to a multi-species contract in August of 2023 and is a three-year contract for a total flat rate in the amount of \$8,800 (\$20/acre for 160 acres) in Orton Township, sections 14,15,16,21,22,25,36 and Lyons Township section 2, with the third-year payment of \$3,200.00. Motion made by Ken Berg, second by Tom Schulz to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**2023 Soil Health Cost Share:**

**P23-2744-05;** Kveton, John; authorization to approve payment 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 Township, section 15. Motion made by Brett Dailey, second by Ken Berg to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

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### **2025 Soil Health Cost Share:**

**P25-0561-01;** Carlson, Dennis; requesting cost share assistance for conservation cover. The total estimated cost of the project is \$974.25 with cost sharing of \$730.69 or 75%, whichever is less in Blueberry Township, section 5. Motion made by Ken Berg, second by Brett Dailey to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**P25-0561-02;** Marjamaa, Wade & Linda; requesting cost share assistance for conservation cover. The total estimated cost of the project is \$553.00 with cost sharing of \$414.75 or 75%, whichever is less in Blueberry Township, section 6. Motion made by Ken Berg, second by Brett Dailey to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

### **County Commissioner's Report:**

- It was voted 3 to 2 to accept the resignation of the County Administrator. The county board has appointed an interim County Administrator and will be discussing the process of refilling that position. The interim is Jennifer Westrum, Human Services Director.
- 2025 will be a tough year due to legislation passed in 23/24.
- The first contract was signed with Otter Tail County to address the ditches in Wadena County.
- The MN Leave Act that starts January 2026. It is estimated that the county will need to hire 6 additional people to work on this.
- The County Extension Educator 4H position has been reinstated.

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

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

- EQIP – Working through Planning. Sign up 1 ranking deadline is January 10, 2025. Making payments for installed practices.
- CSP –Having conversations with contract holders on 2024 payments and certifications. Renewal application work. Taking signups for regular Classic CRP.
- 1026 request from FSA Acreage Certification.
- Working with Cody to get him familiar with planning and our computer programming.
- Attended:
  - Arc Pro Training in St. Cloud with Cody.

**Other Agency Reports:** none present.

**Forestry Update:** There will be a meeting this week. Discussion of another MFRC landscape committee and how they updated their landscape plan.

**TSA 8 Report:** At the manager's meeting there was a discussion about BWSR eliminating the 10% match requirement on grants. TSA has a fund balance so discussion of using it to pay dues was had.

**Crow Wing Watershed:** Motion to approve the Resolution to Adopt the Crow Wing Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan by Ken Berg, second by Brett Dailey. Opposed: none, motion carried.

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**Meetings/Trainings:**

- Motion made by Ken Berg, second by Brett Dailey to approve those wishing to attend the Soil Management Summit January 29-30, 2025 in Mankato. Opposed: none, motion carried.
- Reminder the December SWCD Board meeting will be held at 10 a.m.

**Public Comments:** none

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

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