

MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 21st, 2011 MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

The regular monthly board meeting of the Wadena Soil and Water Conservation District was held on Monday November 21st, 2011 at the Wadena Service Center FSA Meeting Room, at 4 Alfred Street, N.E., Wadena, MN.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Marvin Runyan at 1:08 p.m.

Members Present:

Chairperson – Marvin Runyan
Vice Chairperson – Tom Schulz
Secretary – Ken Berg
Treasurer – Nancy Benson
Public Relations – Melvin Kinnunen

Other Members Present:

County Commissioner – Ralph Miller
Soil Conservationist – Steve Lutz
District Manager – Darren Newville
Office Manager – Deb Werner

Adopt Agenda: Motion made by Benson, seconded by Kinnunen to adopt the agenda as presented.

Affirmative: Runyan, Schulz, Berg, Benson and Kinnunen.

Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Approve October Board Meeting Minutes: Motion made by Berg, seconded by Benson to approve the October Board Meeting Minutes as presented.

Affirmative: Runyan, Schulz, Berg, Benson and Kinnunen.

Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Motion made by Benson, seconded by Kinnunen to approve the Treasurer's Report subject to audit.

Affirmative: Runyan, Schulz, Berg, Benson and Kinnunen.

Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Bills Paid and Payable: Motion made by Schulz, seconded by Kinnunen to approve the Bills Paid and Payable.

Affirmative: Runyan, Schulz, Berg, Benson and Kinnunen.

Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Cost Share: Cooperative Weed Management Area Cost Share: Motion made by Schulz, seconded by Kinnunen to approve contract 10-CWMA-75, Berry, Deb; authorization to approve final payment on Buckthorn control with a total cost of \$1,932.69 and cost sharing not to exceed \$912.69, the amount of the chemical purchase, in Rockwood Township, section 16.

Affirmative: Runyan, Schulz, Berg, Benson and Kinnunen.

Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Motion made by Benson, seconded by Berg to approve contract 10-CWMA-79, Schulz, Tom; authorization to approve final payment on Wormwood control with a total cost of \$233.18 and cost sharing not to exceed \$125.00 in North Germany Township, section 5 and 6.

Affirmative: Runyan, Berg, Benson and Kinnunen.

Opposed: None. Schulz abstained from the vote. Motion passed.

Motion made by Schulz, seconded by Kinnunen to approve contract 10-CWMA-80, Bruns, Edward; authorization to encumber cost share for Buckthorn Control with a cost estimate of \$500.00 and cost sharing not to exceed \$250.00 or 50% whichever is less in Rockwood Township, section 15.

Affirmative: Runyan, Schulz, Berg, Benson and Kinnunen.

Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Motion made by Benson, seconded by Schulz to approve contract 10-CWMA-81, Gulsvig, Larry; authorization to encumber cost share for Buckthorn Control with a cost estimate of \$225.00 and cost sharing not to exceed \$112.50 or 50% which ever is less in Leaf River Township, section 22 and 23.

Affirmative: Runyan, Schulz, Berg, Benson and Kinnunen.

Opposed: None. Motion carried.

BWSR State Cost Share: Motion made by Benson, seconded by Berg to approve amendment to contract 10-SCS-397, Rogge, Justin; authorization to amend contract on a field windbreak for an additional \$536.25 with a total \$1,495.00 and cost sharing not to exceed \$1,121.25 or 75% whichever is less in Leaf River Township, section 10.

Affirmative: Runyan, Schulz, Berg, Benson and Kinnunen.

Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Motion made by Schulz, seconded by Kinnunen to approve final payment on contract 10-SCS-397, Rogge, Justin; on a field windbreak with a total cost of \$1,495.00 and cost sharing not to exceed \$1,121.25 or 75% whichever is less in Leaf River Township, section 10.

Affirmative: Runyan, Schulz, Berg, Benson and Kinnunen.

Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Technical Assistance Option Request FY2012: Motion made by Schulz, seconded by Kinnunen to approve to submit a request for the Technical Assistance Option from BWSR on FY2012 Cost Share.

Affirmative: Runyan, Schulz, Berg, Benson and Kinnunen.

Opposed: None. Motion carried.

District Manager's Report: As attached.

A pledge was found stating that the Wadena SWCD had pledged \$1,500.00 to the City of Menahga for a walking Trail thru the DNR. This was discussed by the board.

District Conservationist's Report: Each participant can request their CSP payment to be made in 2011 or deferred into 2012. Thirteen contracts have been chosen for spot checks on the Federal level. Two Ag Waste systems have almost been completed. They should be completed before winter arrives.

Mike Smith, the Loan Program Manager has chosen to take a Federal Retirement Buyout. His last day of work will be December 2nd, 2011.

An EQIP signup will be coming sometime in February.

County Commissioners Report: The Initiative Foundation has been recognized for the Trees for Wadena project.

Wadena County has been loosing businesses rapidly and the County Board needs to look at Tax Increment Financing for Retail Businesses as tax relief. The State of Minnesota mandates the taxing of businesses at this time.

There was discussion on buffers along Rivers, Lakes and Streams and their effectiveness on holding back phosphorous from entering into the water.

WesMin RC & D: No meeting till next month.

Forestry Update: There was discussion on the General Andrews State Nursery. In 2011 the DNR did not plant any new trees. After 2013 no trees will be sold to SWCD's or planted at the state nursery.

JPB Update: No report. The JPB Board is in the process of hiring a new Engineer.

Natural Resource Block Grant: The Natural Resources Block Grant Agreement has been sent onto Dan Stewart for BWSR approval. Once approved from BWSR the agreement will be sent onto the County for final approval.

Meetings for Approval: County Agricultural Inspector Training, St. Cloud – February 7th & 8th, 2012. Motion made by Kinnunen, seconded by Berg to approve Molly Costin to attend the County Agricultural Inspector Training to be held in St. Cloud on February 7th & 8th, 2012.

Affirmative: Runyan, Schulz, Berg, Benson and Kinnunen.

Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Conservation Apprentice: Motion made by Kinnunen, seconded by Benson to approve the Conservation Apprentice application that is due the end of December. The Wadena SWCD participated in this program last year and this program benefits both the District and the Students.

Affirmative: Runyan, Schulz, Berg, Benson and Kinnunen.

Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Conservation Cooperator/MASWCD State Convention: There was discussion on the Trees for Wadena Conservation Cooperator. The Committee will be asked send someone to attend representing the Trees for Wadena with District paying for their meal at the awards luncheon.

Morrison SWCD has joined the State MASWCD Membership.

Motion made by Kinnunen, seconded by Berg to adjourn meeting at 2:53 p.m.

Affirmative: Runyan, Schulz, Berg, Benson and Kinnunen.

Opposed: None. Motion carried.

MEETINGS AND TRAININGS SESSIONS ATTENDED:

MACFO Training, Winona – October 18th, 19th & 20th, 2011 (Molly Costin attended)

Wadena Emergency Joint Task Force Meeting, Wadena – November 1st, 2011 (Molly Costin attended)

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND TRAININGS SESSIONS:

DELTA Feedlot Meeting, Alexandria – November 30th, 2011 (Molly Costin attending)

MASWCD State Convention, Bloomington – December 4th, 5th & 6th, 2011 (Darren Newville, Tom Schulz, Marvin Runyan, Ken Berg & Nancy Benson attending)

Ag BMP Loan Training, Detroit Lakes – December 9th, 2011 (Molly Costin attending)

Civic Engagement Workshop, MPCA Brainerd – December 13th, 2011 (Anne Oldakowski attending)

Crow Wing Watershed Meeting, Staples – December 14th, 2011 (Anne Oldakowski attending)

County Agricultural Inspector Training, St. Cloud – February 7th & 8th, 2012 (Molly Costin attending)

