



Minutes from the April 20, 2020 Board Meeting

Pursuant to MN Statutes 13D.021 the regular monthly board meeting of the Wadena Soil and Water Conservation District was held on Monday, April 20, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. via Teleconference due to the Public Health Pandemic Emergency declared under Chapter 12 by the Governor. A notice of the meeting was posted on the door of the SWCD Office Location (4 Alfred Street NE) and explained how the public was able to participate in the meeting. The meeting followed all the requirements for an electronic meeting as spelled out in MN Statutes 13D.021 Subdivision 1, 1-4.

*The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Ken Berg at 8:02 a.m.
(due to poor phone reception, Ken asked Darren to run the meeting)*

Members via Phone:

Vice Chair: Ken Berg

Members via Skype:

Secretary: Bruce Juntunen

Treasurer: Nancy Benson

Public Relations: Tom Schulz

Others via Skype:

County Commissioner: Chuck Horsager

BWSR Board Conservationist: Chris Pence

NRCS District Conservationist: Josh Hanson

NRCS Soil Conservationist: Ivan Reinke

District Manager: Darren Newville

Ass't District Manager: Anne Oldakowski

Administrative Secretary: Chantal Tougas

Members Absent:

Chair: Brett Dailey

Public Health: Darren reviewed the Public Health Emergency Remote Public Meeting Guidance.

Adopt Agenda: Motion made by Tom Schulz, seconded by Bruce Juntunen to Adopt the Agenda adding bids for an Office Chair. Opposed: None, Motion carried. A roll call vote was held, and all members voted in favor of the motion.

Approve Board Meeting Minutes from previous month: Motion made by Bruce Juntunen, seconded by Tom Schulz to approve the last month Board Meeting Minutes. Opposed: None, Motion carried. A roll call vote was held, and all members voted in favor of the motion.

Treasurer's Report: Motion made by Nancy Benson, seconded by Ken Berg to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented, subject to audit. Opposed: None. Motion carried. A roll call vote was held, and all members voted in favor of the motion.

The Wadena Soil & Water Conservation District seeks to achieve and maintain the highest quality and quantity of natural resources possible through wise stewardship for now and the future of human and financial means available.

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Bills Paid and Bills Payable: Motion made by Tom Schulz, seconded by Ken Berg to approve the Bills Paid and Bills Payable as presented. Opposed: None. Motion carried. A roll call vote was held, and all members voted in favor of the motion.

COST SHARE

CWL Crow Wing River Forestry Plan Writing:

We will be submitting an invoice to the grant for these forestry plans:

31 – Alan Quam; cost share up to \$949.50 or 75% whichever is less in Huntersville Township, section 36 (consultant written). Motion made by Bruce Juntunen, seconded by Nancy Benson to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried. A roll call vote was held, and all members voted in favor of the motion.

32 – Neale Doering; cost share up to \$382.50 or 75% whichever is less in Lyons Township, section 4. Motion made by Nancy Benson, seconded by Tom Schulz to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried. A roll call vote was held, and all members voted in favor of the motion.

33 – Nicholas Schultz; cost share up to \$645.00 or 75% whichever is less in Bullard Township, section 35 (consultant written). Motion made by Nancy Benson, seconded by Ken Berg to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried. A roll call vote was held, and all members voted in favor of the motion.

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

Soil Conservationist's Report:

- CSP – May 29, 2020 ends the general signup

County Commissioner's Report:

- The Highway Department is busy fixing roads.
- The Solid Waste Department is very busy.
- Court House is open by appointment only and courts are limited.

BWSR: All services typically provided are running.

Forestry Update: All meetings have been cancelled.

Water Plan Update: Red Eye policy and advisory committees met last week via teleconference. The 1W1P went out for the 60-day review period to state agencies.

TSA 8 Report: Employee surveys have gone out.



Public Health Update: Darren reviewed. Motion to adopt the Public Health Emergency Resolution by Tom Schulz, seconded by Nancy Benson. Opposed: none, motion carried. A roll call vote was held, and all members voted in favor of the motion.

Job Approval Authority (JAA): Motion made by Nancy Benson, seconded by Tom Schulz to approve JAA for Irrigation practices for Nathan, Liz, and Trisha. Opposed: none, motion carried. A roll call vote was held, and all members voted in favor of the motion.

MACAI: Motion made by Bruce Juntunen, seconded by Nancy Benson to approve those wishing to attend this conference. Opposed: none, motion carried. A roll call vote was held, and all members voted in favor of the motion.

Filing Dates – Filing Dates for SWCD Supervisor positions up for re-election are May 19 – June 2, 2020. Bruce and Tom are up for re-election.

Office Equipment – Motion made by Tom Schulz, seconded by Nancy Benson to approve and new chair for Wade \$289 + shipping. Opposed: none, motion carried. A roll call vote was held, and all members voted in favor of the motion.

Public Comments: None

Meeting Adjourned: Meeting adjourned at 9:01 a.m.