



Minutes from the August 17, 2020 Board Meeting

The regular monthly board meeting of the Wadena Soil and Water Conservation District was held on Monday, August 17, 2020 at 7:30 a.m. at the Wadena County Sheriff's Building on the County Fairgrounds at 500 Birch Ave NW in Wadena.

A teleconference option was also provided 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 Chair Brett Dailey at 7:32 a.m.

Members Present:

Chair: Brett Dailey
Vice Chair: Ken Berg
Secretary: Bruce Juntunen
Treasurer: Nancy Benson
Public Relations: Tom Schulz

Others Present:

District Manager: Darren Newville
Ass't District Manager: Anne Oldakowski
Administrative Secretary: Chantal Tougas
County Commissioner: Chuck Horsager

Present via Teleconference:

NRCS DC: Josh Hanson

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. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Approve Board Meeting Minutes from previous month: Motion made by Ken Berg, seconded by Bruce Juntunen to approve the last month Board Meeting Minutes. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Motion made by Tom Schulz, seconded by Nancy Benson to approve the June Treasurer's Report as presented. A portion of the numbers did not get updated, they were corrected and resubmitted. Opposed: None. Motion carried. Motion made by Nancy Benson, seconded by Ken Berg to approve the July Treasurer's Report. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Bills Paid and Bills Payable: Motion made by Bruce Juntunen, seconded by Ken Berg to approve the Bills Paid and Bills Payable as presented. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

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CWL Crow Wing River Forestry Plan Writing:

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

35 – Dingmann, Donald; cost share up to \$702.75 or 75% whichever is less in Meadow Township, section 5 (consultant written). Motion made by Bruce Juntunen, seconded by Ken Berg to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

36 – Gloege, Kristin; cost share up to \$634.00 or 75% whichever is less in Orton Township, sections 20,21 (consultant written). Motion made by Nancy Benson, seconded by Ken Berg to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

37 – Marthaler, Patrick; cost share up to \$450.00 or 75% whichever is less in Bullard Township, section 10 (consultant written). Motion made by Ken Berg, seconded by Nancy Benson to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

38 – West, Craig; cost share up to \$622.00 or 75% whichever is less in Meadow Township, section 7 (consultant written). Motion made by Bruce Juntunen, seconded by Tom Schulz to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

BWSR State Cost Share:

18-03 – Lapinoja, Charles – authorization to approve payment for a tree planting with a total cost of \$561.64 and cost sharing not to exceed \$421.23 or 75% whichever is less in Orton Township, section 1. Motion made by Nancy Benson, seconded by Tom Schulz to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

District Manager's Report: as written and read by Darren Newville as well as Anne's review of the RIM applications in the Crow Wing River watershed.

Soil Conservationist's Report: as written and read by Josh Hanson.

County Commissioner's Report:

- Still monitoring CoVid-19.
- Public Health and Human Services require a mask for entry.
- The court room is currently not in compliance due to CoVid, the County is looking for a temporary place to hold trials.
- Tomorrow (Thursday) there is Planning and Zoning public hearing on ordinance changes.
- Protest scheduled today against government entities.

Forestry Update: The demand for paper has plummeted. Verso Paper Mill in Duluth has shut down. Grand Rapids runs a couple of days a week, and International Falls was iffy but has remained open for now. This year's tour will be virtual.

Water Plan Update: Motion made by Tom Schulz, seconded by Brett Daily in favor of appointing Nancy Benson as our representative of the policy committee, with Ken Berg as an alternate for the Crow Wing Watershed 1W1P planning effort. Opposed: none, motion carried. The Redeye 1W1P has been submitted and we hope to hear if approved this week.

TSA 8 Report: The JPA was approved last month.

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Proposed Budget: The 2021 budget request for county allocation funds has been submitted to the county for review.

Job Approval Authority: Motion made by Nancy Benson, seconded by Tom Schulz to approve Anne Oldakowski's Ecological Sciences JAA as recommended by NRCS and the District Manager. Opposed: none, motion carried.

MASWCD Convention: The convention will be virtual this year.

Public Comments: None.

Meeting Adjourned: Meeting adjourned at 9:32 a.m. Motion made by Nancy Benson, seconded by Bruce Juntunen to adjourn. Opposed: none, motion carried.

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