



Minutes from the December 16, 2019 Board Meeting

The regular monthly board meeting of the Wadena Soil and Water Conservation District was held on Monday, December 16, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at the USDA Service Center Conference Room, 4 Alfred Street NE, Wadena, MN.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Brett Dailey at 10:02 a.m.

Members Present:

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

Others Present:

MN House of Representatives: Rep. John Poston
County Commissioner: Chuck Horsager
District Manager: Darren Newville
Ass't District Manager: Anne Oldakowski
Administrative Secretary: Chantal Tougas

Adopt Agenda: Motion made by Tom Schulz, seconded by Ken Berg to Adopt the Agenda. Opposed: None, Motion carried.

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

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.

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

COST SHARE

CWL Crow Wing River Forestry Plan Writing:

We will be submitting an invoice to the grant for this forestry plan:

23– Wenthold, Randy & Tami \$987.00 Shell River Twp sections 4,9. Motion made by Bruce Juntunen, seconded by Tom Schulz to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

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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District Manager's Report: See attached.

Soil Conservationist's Report:

- 10-10 Package (reorganization package) this is the ability to move offices and is waiting to be approved by Congress.
- EQIP or CSP do not currently have sign up deadlines
- CSP payments – working on getting payments out the door

County Commissioner's Report:

- Attended the AMC Conference where the Governor spoke as well at the State Auditor Julie Blaha
- Potential to add Ag Inspecting brochures into tax statements like Becker County
- Lyons Township area has a beaver problem. In an upcoming January meeting the Rules of what the county can do will be discussed.
- County Commissioners meeting tomorrow, and the Tax Abatement policy will be on the agenda.
- The Wadena County Fair Board is looking for new members.
- 4H Educator Position – Interviews completed, final selection to come soon.

Rep. Poston's Report:

- There is a legislative sub-committee meeting on Wednesday regarding water. Tim Nolte and Keith Olander will be giving presentations.

Forestry Update: Half are in support of the Regional Forester application. Currently hired a retired forester to fill the position until the contract is complete. The November meeting had a presentation on Aitkin County ATV trail network and usage.

Water Plan Update: The Red Eye 1W1P Advisory Committee is January 23, 2020 in Perham. Working on budgets and draft plan sections. Next Policy Committee is February 24 in Wadena with a joint Advisory/Policy meeting scheduled for March 26 in Perham.

TSA 8 Report: Darren & Tom attended. January 7, 2020 is the next board meeting. The board has reached an impasse on the Engineers wages.

Meetings/Trainings: Upcoming irrigation meetings.

Office Equipment: Fireproof safe: the board has decided to ask the EOT board if Wadena SWCD can store their vehicle titles in their safety deposit box in Perham. Smart TV: motion made by Tom Schulz, to spend up to \$950.

Cost Share Policy: Table for next meeting to do the non-structural planning.

Campaign Finance & Public Disclosure Notice: Notice for board supervisors to do this between January 1-27, 2020



2020 Meeting Schedule & February 2020 Board Meeting: The 2020 board meeting schedule was discussed. The February meeting will be moved from February 17 to February 24.

Public Comments: None

Meeting Adjourned: Meeting adjourned at 11:46 a.m.