



### **Minutes from the December 21, 2020 Board Meeting**

The regular monthly board meeting of the Wadena Soil and Water Conservation District was held on Monday, December 21, 2020 at 7:30 a.m. via Zoom due to the Public Health Pandemic Emergency declared under Chapter 12 by the Governor. A roll call vote was taken on each item needing voting. 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 7:30 a.m.*

Vice Chair has now handed over the meeting to Assistant District Manager Anne Oldakowski.

**Members Present:**

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

**Others Present:**

County Commissioner: Chuck Horsager  
NRCS DC: Josh Hanson  
BWSR: Chris Pence  
District Manager: Darren Newville  
Ass't District Manager: Anne Oldakowski  
Admin Secretary: Chantal Tougas  
Nutrient Mgmt Specialist: Nathan Wiese

**Members Absent:**

Chair: Brett Dailey

**Adopt Agenda:** Motion made by Tom Schulz, seconded by Nancy Benson to Adopt the Agenda. 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 Tom Schulz to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Opposed: none, motion carried. A roll call vote was held, and all members voted in favor of the motion.

**Bills Paid and Bills Payable:** Motion made by Tom Schulz, seconded by Nancy Benson 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.

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**BWSR State Cost Share:**

20-01; Wenzel, Kurt; authorization to encumber funds for critical area planting with a total cost of \$4,931.00 and cost sharing not to exceed \$3,968.25 or 75% whichever is less in Blueberry Township, section 14. Motion made by Ken Berg, 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.

**CWL Crow Wing River Forestry Plan Writing:**

*Amend final cost share payment for:*

36 – Gloege, Kristen; cost share up to \$528.75 (original approval was \$634.00) or 75% whichever is less in Orton Township, sections 20,21 (consultant written who provided the incorrect invoice amount of payment to us based on acreage of plan). Motion made by Bruce Juntunen, 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.

*Approve final cost share payments for:*

20 – Condon, Ken; cost share up to \$607.73 or 75% whichever is less in Thomastown Township, section 36 (consultant written). Motion made by Ken Berg, 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.

38 – West, Craig; cost share up to \$619.50 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. A roll call vote was held, and all members voted in favor of the motion.

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

43 – Tomperi, Durwin; \$2,210.63 Blueberry Township, sections 29,30 (415 acres), Motion made by Bruce Juntunen, 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.

**District Manager's Report:** as written and read by Anne Oldakowski.

**Soil Conservationist's Report:** The remainder of CSP payments will be made after January 1, 2021.

**County Commissioner's Report:**

- The last committee board meeting was packed.
- A new Solid Waste ordinance was proposed and tabled for the next meeting.
- A \$9.6 million levy budget passed.
- The CARES act money was allocated into the community. There may be more funding coming.

**BWSR:**

- The Board met last week and approved 37 projects.
- It's reporting season! eLink is due by February 1, 2021

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**Forestry Update:** There was a meeting last month. One topic of discussion was Forestry practices on homeowner's land. Homeowners were surveyed and the results were good. Another topic was LIDAR. Remote sensing of forestry inventory.

**Water Plan Update:** Motion made by Tom Schulz, seconded by Nancy Benson to approve the Implementation MOA for the Red Eye Watershed. Opposed: none, motion carried. A roll call vote was held, and all members voted in favor of the motion.

**TSA 8 Report:** At a board meeting in early January 2021, officers will be elected, and wage increases will be established.

**2021 Board Meeting Schedule:** Motion made by Nancy Benson, seconded by Tom Schulz to approve the meeting dates and times presented. Opposed: none, motion carried. A roll call vote was held, all members voted in favor of the motion.

**EOT SWCD Contract for Services:** Motion made by Nancy Benson, seconded by Ken Berg to reaffirm the contract for services between Wadena and EOT SWCD's. Opposed: none, motion carried. A roll call vote was held, all members voted in favor of the motion.

**Public Comments:** None.

**Meeting Adjourned:** Meeting adjourned at 8:32 a.m. Motion made by Tom Schulz, seconded by Bruce Juntunen to adjourn. Opposed: none, motion carried. A roll call vote was held, all members voted in favor of the motion.