



Minutes from the February 20, 2019 Board Meeting

The regular monthly board meeting of the Wadena Soil and Water Conservation District was held on Tuesday, February 20, 2019 at 8:00 a.m. in the USDA Service Center, 4 Alfred Street North, Wadena, MN.

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairperson Ken Berg at 8:01 a.m.

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

Members Absent: Chair: Brett Dailey

Others Present: County Commissioner: Chuck Horsager
District Manager: Darren Newville
Ass't District Manager: Anne Oldakowski
Administrative Secretary: Chantal Tougas
EOT Liaison: Dennis Reynolds

Adopt Agenda: Motion made by Nancy Benson, seconded by Tom Schulz to Adopt the Agenda with the addition of Office Furniture discussion under new business. Opposed: None, Motion carried.

Approve Board Meeting Minutes from previous month: Motion made by Bruce Juntunen, seconded by Tom Schulz to approve the last month Board Meeting Minutes with two corrections. Opposed: None, Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Motion made by Nancy Benson, seconded by Tom Schulz to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Motion made by Tom Schulz, seconded by Nancy Benson to approve Peterson Company to complete an audit for us this year. Opposed: none; motion carried.

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

CWL Crow Wing River Forestry Practice Cost Share:

01 – O'Connor, Thomas; authorization to encumber funds for a tree planting with a total cost of \$780.00 and cost sharing not to exceed \$585.00 or 75% whichever is less in Thomastown Township, sections 2,3. Motion made by Tom Schulz, seconded by Ken Berg 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 within the limits of human and financial means available.

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02 – O'Connor, Cody; authorization to encumber funds for a tree planting with a total cost of \$622.50 and cost sharing not to exceed \$466.88 or 75% whichever is less in Thomastown Township, section 3. Motion made by Ken Berg, seconded by Tom Schulz to approve. Opposed: none; motion carried.

District Manager's Report: See attached.

Soil Conservationist's Report: Not present.

County Commissioner's Report:

- The Sebeka paper ran a good article on Soil Health
- Wadena County is the 2nd highest property taxed county in the state
- Recycling was the top for the Environment & Natural Resources Committee that Chuck serves on.

Enbridge Presentation: Jen and Doug with Enbridge gave a presentation update on the pipeline status.

8:50 a.m. Chuck Horsager left the meeting

Old Business

Forestry Update: A committee was formed, and a meeting was held on February 11, 2019.

Water Plan Update: A Red Eye Watershed 1W1P policy committee meeting will be held on March 11, 2019

TSA 8 Report: Contracted with Crow Wing.

Meetings and Trainings for approval: Motion made by Tom Schulz, seconded by Bruce Juntunen to approve the fee for those wishing to attend the area meeting on March 1, 2019. Opposed: none; motion carried.

District Capacity Grant Agreement Amendment: Motion made by Nancy Benson, seconded by Tom Schulz to authorize Darren to sign this amendment. Opposed: none, motion carried.

ARC GIS License: Motion made by Tom Schulz, seconded by Nancy Benson to purchase the license and ask the TSA for reimbursement. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Office Furniture: Discussion of new desks for the office was held. We will be getting quotes to present at the next meeting.

Public Comments: None

Meeting Adjourned: Motion made by Nancy Benson, seconded by Bruce Juntunen to adjourn the meeting. Opposed: none, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:51 a.m.