



### **Minutes from the February 24, 2020 Board Meeting**

The regular monthly board meeting of the Wadena Soil and Water Conservation District was held on Monday, February 24, 2020 at 8:00 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 8:01 a.m.*

**Members Present:**

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

**Others Present:**

County Commissioner: Chuck Horsager  
NRCS District Conservationist: Josh Hanson  
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 Nancy Benson, seconded by Bruce Juntunen 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 Bruce Juntunen to approve the Bills Paid and Bills Payable as presented. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

#### **COST SHARE**

**BWSR State Cost Share:**

18-02; Vanderbeek, Dewain and Latrelle; authorization to encumber funds for an unused well sealing with a total cost of \$475.00 and cost sharing not to exceed \$237.50 or 50% whichever is less in Rockwood Township, section 12. Motion made by Tom Schulz, seconded by Ken Berg to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

18-03; Lapinoja, Charles; authorization to encumber funds for a field windbreak with a total cost of \$600.00 and cost sharing not to exceed \$450.00 or 75% whichever is less in Orton Township, section 1. Motion made by Ken Berg, seconded by Tom Schulz to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

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18-04; Oeltjenbruns, Corey & Laura; authorization to encumber funds for a field windbreak with a total cost of \$1,200.00 and cost sharing not to exceed \$900.00 or 75% whichever is less in Thomastown Township, section 29. Motion made by Ken Berg, seconded by Nancy Benson to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

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

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

25 – Paul and Mary Kay Reynolds Revocable Trust \$577.50 Lyons Township, section 29. Motion made by Nancy Benson, seconded by Ken Berg to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

26 – Brian Eychaner \$577.50 North Germany Township, section 12. Motion made by Tom Schulz, seconded by Ken Berg to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

27 – Richard Champagne \$511.50 Lyons Township, section 26 (consultant written). Motion made by Nancy Benson, seconded by Ken Berg to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**CWL Crow Wing River Forestry Practice Cost Share:**

04 – Burkel, Marci and Sabin, Dave; authorization to approve partial payment on disc trench site prep for a tree planting with a total cost of \$2,314.00 and cost sharing not to exceed \$1,735.50 or 75% whichever is less in Shell River Township, section 17. Motion made by Bruce Juntunen, seconded by Ken Berg to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**District Manager's Report:** See attached.

*8:51 a.m. Chuck left the meeting*

**Soil Conservationist's Report:**

- Reviewed Civil Rights
- March 13, 2020 deadline for EQIP

**County Commissioner's Report:**

- New hog facility coming west of Sebeka on County Road 75
- Wadena County Fair Board is looking for more directors
- Wadena County Commissioners adopted the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment Resolution
- Meeting was held regarding current Beaver/Ditch problem

**Forestry Update:** Tom had a call in meeting, however, there was a bad connection.

**Water Plan Update:** There are quite a few water planning meetings coming up. See schedule. Wellhead protection area results are in. Perham is at a level 1 and Verndale is at a Level 2.

**TSA 8 Report:** Personnel committee meeting this week.



**Crow Wing River RIM Applications:** See attached map.

**Area VIII Envirothon Donation Request:** Motion made by Tom Schulz, seconded by Ken Berg to donate \$300. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**AIS Contract:** Motion made by Nancy Benson, seconded by Ken Berg to accept and continue using Always There Staffing for AIS inspectors. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**Pesticide Exams** – Motion made by Tom Schulz, seconded by Bruce Juntunen to charge a \$30 fee for online pesticide testing. Opposed none, motion carried.

**Redeye River Watershed** – Darren gave a short presentation.

**Meetings/Trainings:** Motion made by Nancy Benson, seconded by Tom Schulz to approve Liz and Mitch to attend the MACFO Conference. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**Public Comments:** None

**Meeting Adjourned:** Meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.