



Minutes from the February 16, 2021 Board Meeting

The regular monthly board meeting of the Wadena Soil and Water Conservation District was held on Tuesday, February 16, 2021 at 7:30 a.m. by either in person at the Sheriff's Building at the fairgrounds or via Zoom 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 if not attending in person. 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 Ken Berg at 7:34 a.m.

Members Present:

Chair: Ken Berg
Vice Chair: Bruce Juntunen
Secretary: Nancy Benson
Treasurer: Tom Schulz (Zoom)

Member Absent:

Public Relations: Brett Dailey

Others Present:

County Commissioner: Murlyn Kreklau
NRCS DC: Josh Hanson
FSA CED: Kayla Mattson
BWSR Conservationist: Chris Pence (Zoom)
District Manager: Darren Newville
Ass't District Manager: Anne Oldakowski
Admin Secretary: Chantal Tougas
Nutr Mgmt Specialist: Nathan Wiese (Zoom)

Adopt Agenda: Motion made by Bruce Juntunen, seconded by Nancy Benson to Adopt the Agenda as presented. 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 Nancy Benson, seconded by Tom Schulz to approve the last month's 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 Tom Schulz, seconded by Bruce Juntunen 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. Motion made by Nancy Benson, seconded by Bruce Juntunen to accept the proposal for the 2020 Audit from Peterson Companies. 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 Bruce Juntunen, seconded by Tom Schulz 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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CWL Crow Wing River Forestry Plan Writing:

45 – Olson, Peter; is requesting cost share assistance up to \$712.50 or 75% whichever is less in Shell River Township, section 26 (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.

46 – Wieling, Jammie; is requesting cost share assistance up to \$1,185.00 or 75% whichever is less in Lyons Township, sections 28, 29 (consultant written). Motion made by Nancy Benson, 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.

47 – Flynn, Brian (Guided Lite LLC); is requesting cost share assistance up to \$240.00 or 75% whichever is less in Shell River Township, section 27 (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.

35 – Dingmann, Donald; is requesting a final cost share payment up to \$678.60 or 75% whichever is less in Meadow Township, section 5 (consultant written). Motion made by Tom Schulz, 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.

Motion made by Tom Schulz, seconded by Nancy Benson to move forward with the request of BWSR to allow 2021 State Cost Share funds to be used for Technical Assistance. Opposed: none. Motion carried.

District Manager's Report: as written and read by Darren Newville.

Soil Conservationist's Report:

- ✓ EQIP is a high priority, so working on getting everyone ranked
- ✓ CSP – working on Classic sign up which needs to be completed mid-March
- ✓ Quite a few positions open

FSA CED Report: See attached report as written and discussed by Kayla Mattson

County Commissioner's Report:

- Watershed Plan by laws are on today's agenda
- Vaccine not being distributed as expected. It seems to be on a lottery system.

BWSR Report: Working through reporting season, deadline was February 1, 2021. Wadena SWCD looks good.

Forestry Update: At the next meeting on the 21st, credits for Forestry will be the main topic. The Chair is no longer a SWCD Supervisor.

Water Plan Update: Motion by Tom Schultz, seconded by Bruce Juntunen to approve the by-laws of the Red Eye Implementation Team. Opposed: none, motion carried. A roll call vote was held, and all members voted in favor of the motion. Motion made and seconded to approve the draft workplan and budget for the Red Eye Watershed

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Implementation Grant. Opposed: none, motion carried. A roll call vote was held, and all members voted in favor of the motion.

8:40 am Murlyn left the meeting

TSA 8 Report: Manager Melissa sent out survey forms. All were filled out and returned. All is going well.

Meetings/Trainings: Legislative Days is March 18, 2021 and will be virtual this year with focus on SWCD capacity and funding. More discussion when we receive more information from MASWCD.

Per Diem: Currently set at \$75.00 and noted a resolution was passed for MASWCD to seek legislation to allow SWCD boards to set this at a maximum of \$125. This has not passed through legislation as of yet. Motion made by Nancy Benson, seconded by Bruce Juntunen to keep the per diem at the current rate of \$75.00. Opposed: none, motion carried. A roll call vote was held, and all members voted in favor of the motion.

Admin Position – See attached description for position open

Public Comments: None.

Meeting Adjourned: Meeting adjourned at 9:05 a.m.