



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 Chairperson Ken Berg at 8:01 a.m.

The Oath of Office was read by each board member and signed.

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
 Acting District Conservationist: Dan Pazdernik
 District Manager: Darren Newville
 Ass't District Manager: Anne Oldakowski
 Administrative Secretary: Chantal Tougas

Motion made by Bruce Juntunen, seconded by Brett Dailey to approve the Reorganization of the Board of Supervisors. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Chair Brett Dailey tookl over the meeting.

2019 Supervisor Committee Appointments

Committee	Member	Member	Member
Budget/Finance	Ken Berg	Tom Schulz	Bruce
Equipment	Ken Berg	Darren Newville	Wade Salo
Forestry	Tom Schulz	Anne Oldakowski	N/A
Legislative	Ken Berg	Tom Schulz	Brett, Bruce
Water Plan/AIS	Bruce Juntunen	Brett Dailey	
EOT Liaison	Nancy Benson		
North Central Joint Powers	Tom Schulz	Nancy Benson, Alternate	

As discussed Committee Appointments will remain the same as last year (see chart).

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

Approve Board Meeting Minutes from previous month: Motion made by Tom Schulz, 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 Tom Schulz to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

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

BWSR State Cost Share:

16-05; Worster, Gary; authorization to amend contract land occupier to his daughter Nancy Worster, due to the passing of Gary Worster before the contract was completed, in Blueberry Township, section 4. Motion made by Bruce Juntunen, seconded by Tom Schulz to approve the amendment. Opposed: none, motion carried.

16-05; Worster, Nancy; authorization to approve payment for an unused well sealing with a total cost of \$550.00 and cost sharing not to exceed \$242.50 or 50% whichever is less in Blueberry Township, section 4. Motion made by Bruce Juntunen, seconded by Tom Schulz to approve payment. Opposed: none, motion carried.

District Manager's Report: See attached.

Soil Conservationist's Report: See attached.

County Commissioner's Report:

- ◆ The County reorganized, and Chuck has been appointed to the Water Plan Task Committee.
- ◆ Chuck will be staying on as Liaison with the SWCD.
- ◆ The County did an organization study (results should be on the website).
- ◆ Upcoming work session on February 8th.

8:48 Chuck Horsager left the meeting.

Old Business

Forestry Update:

- ◆ Last Thursday's meeting topic was about the mining industry.
- ◆ Discussion on how to fund Mitch Lundeen's position for the future. If grant funding is not secured, districts may be asked for funding to support this position.



Water Plan Update: A Red Eye Watershed 1W1P steering committee meeting was held on January 9, 2019. A Policy Committee meeting is tentatively set for February 11, 2019.

TSA & Report:

- ◆ Election of Officers: Chair – Tom. Tom is also on the Personnel Committee.
- ◆ Discussed wages for staff.
- ◆ Discussed GIS funds for licensing.

Dan left the meeting at 8:59 am

Meetings and Trainings for approval:

- ◆ Legislative Days: Motion made by Nancy Benson, seconded by Tom Schulz to approve those wishing to attend Legislative Days in St. Paul in March. Opposed: none, motion carried.
- ◆ 2019 Board Meeting Calendar – corrected and redistributed.
- ◆ MASWCD Public Admin Training Cohort – Motion made by Nancy Benson, seconded by Tom Schulz to approve for Anne to attend. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Federal Mileage: The federal mileage rate has increased from 54 to 58.

Per Diem: Motion made by Tom Schulz, seconded by Nancy Benson to maintain the current per diem rate. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Official Newspaper: Motion made by Nancy Benson, seconded by Bruce Juntunen to use the same paper as the County as our official newspaper. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Official Financial Institution: Motion made by Tom Schulz, seconded by Nancy Benson to approve Bremer Bank as our official financial institution. Opposed: none, motion carried.

AIS Contract: Motion made by Tom Schulz, seconded by Bruce Juntunen to approve Darren to sign the AIS contract (good thru Dec 2019). Opposed: none, motion carried.

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 9:37 a.m.