



Minutes from the July 15, 2019 Board Meeting

The regular monthly board meeting of the Wadena Soil and Water Conservation District was held on Monday, June 17, 2019 at 8:00 a.m. at the Maslowski Wellness & Research Center, 17 – 5th Street SW, Wadena, MN.

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Ken Berg at 8:03 a.m.

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

Others Present: County Commissioner: Chuck Horsager
BWSR Board Conservationist: Chris Pence
Acting District Conservationist: Russ Kleinschmidt
District Manager: Darren Newville
Ass't District Manager: Anne Oldakowski
Administrative Secretary: Chantal Tougas

Members Absent: Chair: Brett Dailey

Adopt Agenda: Motion made by Nancy Benson, seconded by Tom Schulz to Adopt the Agenda with the following additions: Under new business add Lease and Awards. And under Forestry Update include meeting Tom would like to attend. Opposed: None, Motion carried.

Approve Board Meeting Minutes from previous month: Motion made by Tom Schulz, seconded by Nancy Benson to approve the last month Board Meeting Minutes. Opposed: None, Motion carried.

8:05 Russ entered the meeting

Treasurer's Report: Motion made by Nancy Benson, seconded by Bruce Juntunen 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.

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 of human and financial means available.

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COST SHARE

CWL Crow Wing River Forestry Plan Writing:

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

15 – Steinweg, Mark \$943.12 Orton Twp sections 28 & 33. Motion made by Nancy Benson, seconded by Tom Schulz to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

16 – Larson, Edwin & Mary \$639.75 Orton Twp section 33 (consultant written). Motion made by Nancy Benson, seconded by Bruce Juntunen to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

BWSR State Cost Share:

18-01; Oeltjenbruns, Corey and Laura; authorization to amend contract due to slight increase in the actual cost of trees compared to estimated cost. Asking for an additional \$22.53 in cost share up to \$1,897.63. Motion made by Ken Berg, seconded by Tom Schulz to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

18-01; Oeltjenbruns, Corey and Laura; authorization to approve final payment for a field windbreak with a total cost of \$2,530.17 and cost sharing not to exceed \$1,897.63 or 75% whichever is less in Thomastown Township, section 29. 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:

- CSP deadline has passed. 9 applications received with 5 ranked & eligible. Should find out allocation today.
- EQIP – Some additional sign ups available that ended last Friday.
- Personnel – Team lead position will be re-advertised in August.

County Commissioner's Report: Chuck Horsager gave his report.

BWSR Report: Chris Pence gave his report.

Forestry Update: There is a meeting this Thursday. The last meeting was in May. Motion made by Bruce Juntunen, seconded by Nancy Benson for Tom to attend a special meeting on Wednesday. Please note Tom did not vote. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Water Plan Update:

- Citizen Committee met and provided great input.
- Policy Committee September 9, 2019 in Wadena.
- CWF App RFP's came out.



TSA 8 Report: Contracts were approved. Dain is doing great work.

Drill: Motion made by Tom Schulz, seconded by Bruce Juntunen to put the drill up for sale October 1, 2019 and discontinue the drill rental program. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Meetings: Motion made by Tom Schulz, seconded by Nancy Benson to approved those wishing to attend the Area Meeting/Tour in September. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Lease: Motion made by Nancy Benson, seconded by Tom Schulz to approve the Lease increase. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Awards: Start thinking about awards for the convention in December.

Public Comments: None

Meeting Adjourned: Meeting adjourned at 9:59 a.m.