



Minutes from the June 21, 2021, Board Meeting

The regular monthly board meeting of the Wadena Soil and Water Conservation District was held on Monday, June 21, 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 7:31 a.m.

Members Present:

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

Member Absent:

Public Relations: Brett Dailey

Others Present:

County Commissioner: Murlyn Kreklau
BWSR Conservationist: Chris Pence (Zoom)
NRCS Soil Conservationist: Ivan Reinke
District Manager: Darren Newville
Ass't District Manager: Anne Oldakowski
Admin Secretary: Chantal Tougas

Adopt Agenda: Motion made by Tom Schulz, seconded by Bruce Juntunen to Adopt the Agenda with one addition. Under meetings/training Area VIII meeting. 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's Board Meeting Minutes. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Motion made by Tom Schulz, seconded by Bruce Juntunen to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Opposed: none, motion carried.

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.

BWSR State Cost Share:

20-02; Petersen, Scott; authorization to approve payment for a field windbreak with a total cost of \$835.00 and cost sharing not to exceed \$341.25 or 75% whichever is less in Meadow Township, section 11. Motion made by Bruce Juntunen, seconded by Tom Schulz to approve. Opposed: none, Motion carried.

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

Soil Conservationist's Report:

- ✓ CSP – 16 applications ranked, waiting on approvals.
- ✓ EQIP – QAR (quality assurance reviews) being done, all obligated.
- ✓ Ivan is working on the first Water Bank application for our area.
- ✓ County Emergency Board meeting was held due to the frost in late May and potential drought.

County Commissioner's Report:

- County Board negotiating union contracts and starting on budgets.
- Fairgrounds project to start this summer.

BWSR Report:

- Teleworking continues through the end of summer.
- Chris is on the climate change work team.
- 1W1P deadline was June 11, 2021. 11 applications submitted but not all will get funded.

Forestry Update: Meeting was held on June 20, 2021. Deer management plan was the main topic, with argument in favor of managing for fewer deer. Resolutions discussed. Will be attending area meetings.

Water Plan Update: Red Eye Watershed Policy Committee meeting was held last week. Election of officers and adoption of by-laws were accomplished. Motion made to enter into agreement for service for the Red Eye Implementation with EOT SWCD and sign the agreement was made by Tom Schulz, seconded by Nancy Benson. None opposed, motion carried.

TSA 8 Report: Discussed whether to meet or not. Not sure of budget, so meeting will be postponed until August or September. BWSR has the TSA on their agenda for funding. Tom was not reappointed to the BWSR board.

Meetings/Trainings:

- ✓ Motion made by Nancy Benson, seconded by Bruce Juntunen to approve \$190 + room for MACAI. Opposed: none, motion carried.
- ✓ Tom Schulz, Ken Berg, Bruce Juntunen, Anne Oldakowski, and Darren Newville will attend the Area Meeting.

Resolution/BWSR Forestry Support: Resolution titled "BWSR Continued Forestry Support" submitted by Aitkin SWCD was presented by Tom as a resolution also from Wadena SWCD. Motion made by Nancy Benson, seconded by Tom Schulz to accept resolution. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Public Comments: None.

Meeting Adjourned: Meeting adjourned at 8:25 a.m.

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