



### **Minutes from the March 16, 2020 Board Meeting**

The regular monthly board meeting of the Wadena Soil and Water Conservation District was held on Monday, March 16, 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 8:02 a.m.*

**Members Present:**

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

**Others Present:**

County Commissioner: Chuck Horsager  
BWSR Board Conservationist: Chris Pence  
NRCS District Conservationist: Josh Hanson  
District Manager: Darren Newville  
Ass't District Manager: Anne Oldakowski  
Administrative Secretary: Chantal Tougas  
EOT SWCD Liaison: Dennis Reynolds

**Members Absent:**

Vice Chair: Ken Berg

**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 Bruce Juntunen, seconded by Nancy Benson 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, subject to audit. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

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



## COST SHARE

### **BWSR State Cost Share:**

28 – Eric Flam (Northern Acreage LLC) \$577.50 North Germany Township, section 12. Motion made by Nancy Benson, seconded by Tom Schulz to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

29 – Robert Vacek \$714.00 Orton Township, section 15 (consultant written). Motion made by Tom Schulz, seconded by Nancy Benson to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

30 – Clark P Johnson \$340.50 Meadow Township, section 1 (consultant written). Motion made by Tom Schulz, seconded by Bruce Juntunen to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

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

Motion made by Tom Schulz, seconded by Nancy Benson to approve Darren to ask BWSR for approval to use Local Capacity funds for Cover Crop. Opposed: none, motion carried.

### **Soil Conservationist's Report:**

- EQIP – last week was the signup deadline
- CSP – March 20, 2020 deadline

### **County Commissioner's Report:**

- A member of the Red Eye 1W1P Policy Committee
- Zoning area has changed around Blueberry Pines
- The fair board now has a full board of directors of 11
- Ditch 6 still has beaver problem. Another meeting was held and was discussed that it might be cheaper for the homeowners to repair the problem on their own.

### **BWSR:**

- Review the BWSR website
- Governor Walz wants a 2 billion bonding bill

**Forestry Update:** The meeting this week is postponed and/or cancelled.

**Water Plan Update:** March 26, 2020 meeting may or may not happen. Long Prairie is applying for RFP when it comes out.

**TSA 8 Report:** Board meeting March 6, 2020

**MASWCD:** Idea: find a way to work with NRCS to capitalize on 1W1P on Federal funding.

**Building Ownership Change:** Informational only – read letters



**Irrigation Management Assistant:** Motion made by Tom Schulz, seconded by Nancy Benson to support the fee for RESPEC in the amount of \$1500. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**MDA Central Sands Contract** – Motion made by Nancy Benson, seconded by Tom Schulz to approved Darren to sign the contract when received. Opposed none, motion carried.

**Weed Grant** – Motion made by Tom Schulz, seconded by Bruce Juntunen to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**Fair Vendor:** Motion made by Bruce Juntunen, seconded by Tom Schulz to approve \$120 for the fair booth. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**Meetings/Trainings:** Board/Staff retreat planning in process. Watch for details.

**Public Comments:** None

**Meeting Adjourned:** Meeting adjourned at 9:34 a.m.