



Minutes from the March 15, 2021 Board Meeting

The regular monthly board meeting of the Wadena Soil and Water Conservation District was held on Monday, March 15, 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 7:30 a.m.

Members Present:

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

Member Absent:

Public Relations: Brett Dailey

Others Present:

County Commissioner: Murlyn Kreklau
NRCS DC: Josh Hanson
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 Tom Schulz, seconded by Bruce Juntunen to Adopt the Agenda as presented. 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's Board Meeting Minutes. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Motion made by Tom Schulz, seconded by Nancy Benson 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.

CWL Crow Wing River Forestry Plan Writing:

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

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48 – Myers, Scott; cost share up to \$517.50 or 75% whichever is less in Orton Township, section 14 (consultant written). Motion made by Bruce Juntunen, seconded by Nancy Benson to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

49 – Rolfs, Dennis; cost share up to \$1,630.50 or 75% whichever is less in Bullard Township, sections 26, 28. Motion made by Nancy Benson, seconded by Tom Schulz to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Approve final cost share payments for:

39 – Todd, Mike; cost share up to \$557.85 or 75% whichever is less in Bullard Township, section 27 (consultant written). Motion made by Nancy Benson, seconded by Bruce Juntunen to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

45 – Olson, Peter; cost share 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.

46 – Wieling, Jammie; cost share up to \$1,165.80 or 75% whichever is less in Lyons Township, sections 28, 29 (consultant written). Motion made by Nancy Benson, seconded by Bruce Juntunen to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

BWSR State Cost Share:

20-03; Donna, David; authorization to encumber funds for a field windbreak with a total cost of \$750.00 and cost sharing not to exceed \$562.50 or 75% whichever is less in Redeye Township, section 25. Motion made by Tom Schulz, seconded by Nancy Benson to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

20-04; Rice, Mark; authorization to encumber funds for a field windbreak with a total cost of \$310.00 and cost sharing not to exceed \$232.50 or 75% whichever is less in Aldrich Township, section 27. Motion made by Ken Berg, seconded by Tom Schulz to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

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

Soil Conservationist's Report:

- ✓ CSP – working on Classic sign up which needs to be completed March 26, 2021.
- ✓ Long Prairie has a Soil Conservationist position open.

County Commissioner's Report:

- Still learning things.
- Currently negotiating union contracts.

BWSR Report:

- ✓ Spring training March 30th from 8:30 a.m. to noon.
- ✓ Academy is October 26-28, 2021.
- ✓ e-Link reporting went well for Wadena.

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Forestry Update: Virtual meeting coming up.

Water Plan Update: Red Eye media campaign meeting today at 1 p.m.

TSA 8 Report: Discussion focused on the end of Dain's contract at the end of July.

Meetings/Trainings:

- ✓ Legislative Days is this Thursday, March 18, 2021 and will be virtual this year with focus on SWCD capacity and funding. Board members will be contacted of the location.
- ✓ TSA Area VIII Shoreline Training – Motion made by Tom Schulz, seconded by Nancy Benson for those attending. Opposed: none, motion carried.

AIS Staffing Agreement: Motion made by Tom Schulz, seconded by Bruce Juntunen to accept the Staffing agreement from Always There Staffing. Opposed: none, motion carried.

IMA Tool – Motion made by Nancy Benson, seconded by Bruce Juntunen to support this. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Public Comments: None.

Meeting Adjourned: Meeting adjourned at 8:55 a.m. Motion made by Nancy Benson, seconded by Bruce Juntunen to adjourn. Opposed: none, motion carried.