



Minutes from the May 17, 2021, Board Meeting

The regular monthly board meeting of the Wadena Soil and Water Conservation District was held on Monday, May 17, 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 7:32 a.m.

Members Present:

Chair: Ken Berg
Vice Chair: Bruce Juntunen
Treasurer: Tom Schulz
Public Relations: Brett Dailey

Member Absent:

Secretary: Nancy Benson

Others Present:

County Commissioner: Murlyn Kreklau
NRCS DC: Josh Hanson
BWSR Conservationist: Chris Pence (Zoom)
FSA CED: Kayla Mattson (Zoom)
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. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Approve Board Meeting Minutes from previous month: Motion made by Brett Dailey, seconded by Tom Schulz 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 Brett Dailey to approve the Bills Paid and Bills Payable as presented. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

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CWL Crow Wing River Forestry Plan Writing:

51 – Tracy, Scott; cost share up to \$892.00 or 75% whichever is less in Redeye Township, section 17 (consultant written) 170 acres. Motion made by Tom Schulz, seconded by Brett Dailey to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

CWL Crow Wing River Forestry Practice Cost Share:

04 – Burkel, Marci and Sabin, Dave; authorization to approve payment for a tree planting with a total cost of \$8,610.00 and cost sharing not to exceed \$6,457.50 or 75% whichever is less in section 17 of Shell River Township. Motion made by Bruce Juntunen, seconded by Brett Dailey to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

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

Soil Conservationist's Report:

- ✓ EQIP – working on getting pre-approvals signed.
- ✓ LWG (Local Work Group) meeting today after the board meeting.
- ✓ Water Bank sign up this year is April 26 to May 24, 2021.
- ✓ NRCS will have an intern this summer so you may see that person in the Wadena office occasionally.

County Commissioner's Report:

- Solid Waste Ordinance: Garbage to go to Perham.
- \$1.7 million project: Greenwood connection
- \$2 million project: Fairground's drainage project (State Funded)

BWSR Report:

- Things are opening and BWSR staff has been able to attend some meetings both indoor and outdoor.
- RPF deadline for the 1W1P is June 11, 2021.

FSA Report:

- The Baxter FSA office is moving to a new location.
- Acreage reporting is going on now.
- CRP general sign up has been extended. Currently reworking rental rates.
- New Forest Management Incentive CP22 – additional funding available. Cannot be in the last two years of their contract.
- County Committee election is coming up. Postcards will be sent out soon.

Fairground Drainage Update: They have an updated concept for the fairground issues. A berm (3 feet) is planned along Highway 10 to direct water coming off Highway 10 and to install 2 pumps that will pump 200 gallons per minute out through the north end of the fairgrounds during rain events.

Forestry Update: The next meeting is this Thursday.

Water Plan Update: There is a Red Eye policy meeting in June. E-coli windshield survey: will send Mitch out to do some checking.

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TSA 8 Report: Nothing to report.

Meetings/Trainings:

- ✓ Motion made by Tom Schulz, seconded by Brett Dailey to approve Anne to attend the State Managers Meeting. Opposed: none, motion carried.
- ✓ Motion made by Tom Schulz, seconded by Brett Dailey to approve Mitch to attend Conservation Planning. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Staffing: No applications yet for the Administrative Position. Mitch Ness gave his letter of resignation.

MASWCD Resolution Ideas: Motion made by Bruce Juntunen, seconded by Brett Dailey to move Tom's resolution on to the area for discussion. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Public Comments: None.

Meeting Adjourned: Meeting adjourned at 8:29 a.m.