



### **Minutes from the November 18, 2019 Board Meeting**

The regular monthly board meeting of the Wadena Soil and Water Conservation District was held on Monday, November 18, 2019 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 Vice Chair Ken Berg at 8:02 a.m.*

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

**Others Present:** MN House of Representatives: Rep. Steve Green  
County Commissioner: Chuck Horsager  
Acting DC: Russell Kleinschmidt  
District Manager: Darren Newville  
Ass't District Manager: Anne Oldakowski  
Administrative Secretary: Chantal Tougas  
EOT Liaison: Dennis Reynolds

**Members Absent:** Chair: Brett Dailey

**Adopt Agenda:** Motion made by Bruce Juntunen, seconded by Tom Schulz to Adopt the Agenda. 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.

**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 Nancy Benson to approve the Bills Paid and Bills Payable as presented. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

#### **COST SHARE**

##### **CWL Crow Wing River Forestry Plan Writing:**

11 – Dobson, Dennis \$1,027.31 Blueberry Twp sections 23, 26 (consultant written). Motion made to approve final payment by Bruce Juntunen, seconded by Tom Schulz to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

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22– Howe, John \$1,879.13 Redeye Twp sections 1,3,12. Motion made to encumber funds by Tom Schulz, seconded by Bruce Juntunen to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

8:10 a.m. Rep. Steve Green entered the meeting

**District Manager's Report:** See attached.

**Soil Conservationist's Report:**

- CSP – Still waiting on funding to make payments
- EQIP – have received payment rates
- CRP training going on today
- Customer Service Team 8 position has closed

**County Commissioner's Report:**

- 4H Educator position is open
- County Road 12 is not complete yet
- County Road 130 will be gravel for the winter
- Board of Commissioners – Darren gave his presentation and it went well
- The tax abatement policy will be going before the Commissioners

**Rep. Green's Report:**

- Discussed taxing authority
- Keeping open communication with Nolte's regarding DNR progress

**Forestry Update:** Meeting this week. Discussion will be whether or not we can fund the position.

8:56 a.m. Rep. Green left the meeting

**Water Plan Update:** The Red Eye 1W1P Advisory Committee is Thursday in Perham at 9 a.m. December 2 is the next Policy Committee at 1 p.m. in Wadena.

**TSA 8 Report:** Staffing needs discussed. Request for performance evaluations were sent out. Only a few were received on the engineer.

**Meetings/Trainings:**

- MASWCD Convention Dec. 8-10 in Bloomington – Discussion of who will be attending.

**RCPP Proposal:** See handout. Motion made by Tom Schulz, seconded by Nancy Benson for Darren to sign the letter of commitment. Opposed: none, motion carried.



**Safety Deposit Box:** Discussion was had on whether there is a need. Tabled for next meeting, looking into a Fireproof Safe.

**Drill Bids:** Sealed bids were opened. Motion made by Nancy Benson, seconded by Bruce Juntunen to accept the bid of \$8,251 from Jay Peeters. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**Convention Auction Items:** Motion made by Tom Schulz, seconded by Nancy Benson to donate \$200 cash to the education program in lieu of auction items. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**Cost Share Policy:** Table for next meeting.

*9:30 a.m. Chuck left the meeting*

**Public Comments:** None

**Meeting Adjourned:** Meeting adjourned at 9:33 a.m.