



### **Minutes from the October 21, 2019 Board Meeting**

The regular monthly board meeting of the Wadena Soil and Water Conservation District was held on Monday, October 21, 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 Chair Brett Dailey at 8:05 a.m.*

**Members Present:**

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

**Others Present:**

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

**Adopt Agenda:** Motion made by Tom Schulz, seconded by Ken Berg to Adopt the Agenda. 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 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. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Motion made by Nancy Benson, seconded by Tom Schulz to make changes to the CD that is maturing as discussed. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Motion made by Tom Schulz, seconded by Ken Berg to approve the Draft Audit and submit to BWSR. 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

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

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

20 – Condon, Ken \$608.25 Thomastown Twp section 36 (consultant written). Motion made by Ken Berg, seconded by Tom Schulz to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

21 – Pietruszewski, John \$772.50 Bullard Twp sections 25,36. Motion made by Ken Berg, seconded by Nancy Benson to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

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

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

- Recap of last year: 6 CSP applications, none approved. 17 EQIP applications, 13 were approved.
- 3.3 million applications for Farmbill
- Team lead position postponed until December/January

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

- Road work is in progress
- Currently reworking the tax abatement policy
- AMC Conference – topic of discussion was marijuana. Looking to the future of what could happen (ex: growing, packaging, selling, etc.)

**Forestry Update:** Scott Hillard gave a presentation on DNR's annual forest stand inventory. Aitkin SWCD is hoping to hire a consultant to fill the CWL Forester position through the end of the contract. Steve Hughes is still requesting a commitment from Area 3 and 8 SWCDs to refill the position for 2 years. Aitkin SWCD's new forester was also introduced.

**Water Plan Update:** The Advisory Committee is busy brainstorming action items for each goal. December 2 is the next Policy Committee at 1 p.m. in Wadena.

**TSA 8 Report:** Meeting on Nov. 14 in Bemidji.

### **Meetings/Trainings:**

- Conservation Tillage Conference Dec. 17-18 in St. Cloud – Motion made by Tom Schulz, seconded by Bruce Juntunen to approve those attending this conference. Opposed: none, motion carried.
- Nutrient Mgmt Conference Oct. 23-24 in Willmar - Motion made by Bruce Juntunen, seconded by Ken Berg to approve those attending this conference. Opposed: none, motion carried.
- MASWCD Convention Dec. 8-10 in Bloomington - Motion made by Tom Schulz, seconded by Ken Berg to approve those attending this conference. Opposed: none, motion carried.



**EOT SWCD Irrigation/NM Workshop:** Motion made by Tom Schulz, seconded by Ken Berg to support this sponsorship not to exceed \$1,200. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**BWSR Cover Crop Grant:**

- Cover Crop Incentive Payment – tabled for next meeting to discuss non-structural payment rates in more detail with a policy
- District Capacity CWF Funds – Motion made by Ken Berg, seconded by Nancy Benson to support the EOT Cover Crop Demo application. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**CWF Forestry:** Motion made by Tom Schulz, seconded by Nancy Benson to approve Darren to sign the amendment for extension of our grant agreement when received from BWSR. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**MASWCD Resolutions:** Discussed and resolution ballot was signed by all supervisors.

**Public Comments:** None

**Meeting Adjourned:** Meeting adjourned at 9:51 a.m.