



Minutes from the September 16, 2019 Board Meeting

The regular monthly board meeting of the Wadena Soil and Water Conservation District was held on Monday, September 16, 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 7:58 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
BWSR Board Conservationist: Chris Pence
Acting DC: Russell Kleinschmidt
District Manager: Darren Newville
Ass't District Manager: Anne Oldakowski
Administrative Secretary: Chantal Tougas
District Technician: Mitchell Janson
EOT Liaison: Dennis Reynolds

Adopt Agenda: Motion made by Ken Berg, seconded by Tom Schulz to Adopt the Agenda replace #14 with District Capacity approval. 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 with the following change. Brett called the meeting to order, not Ken. Opposed: None, Motion carried.

8:01 a.m. Mitchell Janson entered the meeting and introductions were made.

Treasurer's Report: Motion made by Tom Schulz, seconded by Nancy Benson to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Nancy Benson will be receiving a paper copy of the bank statement in the mail and will be reviewing the bank reconciliations every month.

8:15 a.m. Russell entered the meeting

Bills Paid and Bills Payable: Motion made by Tom Schulz, seconded by Bruce Juntunen to approve the Bills Paid and Bills Payable as presented. In future reports check #'s will be included. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

The Wadena Soil & Water Conservation District seeks to achieve and maintain the highest quality and quantity of natural resources possible through wise stewardship for now and the future of human and financial means available.



COST SHARE

CWL Crow Wing River Forestry Plan Writing:

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

18 – Graham, Ron \$382.50 Shell River Twp section 27. Motion made by Bruce Juntunen, seconded by Tom Schulz to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

19 – Eveslage, Steven \$1,054.50 Lyons Twp section 28 (consultant written). Motion made by Nancy Benson, seconded by Bruce Juntunen to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

CWL Crow Wing River Forestry Practice Cost Share:

04 – Burkel, Marci and Sabin, Dave; authorization to encumber funds for a tree planting with a total cost of \$12,790 and cost sharing not to exceed \$9592.50 or 75% whichever is less in Shell River Township, section 17. Motion made by Bruce Juntunen, seconded by Ken Berg to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

District Manager's Report: See attached.

Soil Conservationist's Report: Done with programs, working on inspections, spot checks, and training.

County Commissioner's Report: Businesses in Wadena have been surveyed and data is being compiled. A final report should be coming soon. This is being done through the UofM BRE (Business Retention & Expansion). There is a Tax Abatement Committee meeting tomorrow.

BWSR Report: See handouts.

Forestry Update: Meeting on Thursday

Water Plan Update: See handout.

TSA & Report: Nothing to report. There is a personnel committee meeting in October.

District Capacity Grant: Motion made by Ken Berg, seconded by Nancy Benson to approve Darren to sign when contract arrives in the office. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Regional Forester Funding Commitment Request: Motion made by Nancy Benson, seconded by Ken Berg to support this. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Public Comments: None

Meeting Adjourned: Meeting adjourned at 9:56 a.m.