



### **Minutes from the September 20, 2021, Board Meeting**

The regular monthly board meeting of the Wadena Soil and Water Conservation District was held on Monday, September 20, 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 7:33 a.m.*

**Members Present:**

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

**Others Present:**

County Commissioner: Murlyn Kreklau  
NRCS DC: Josh Hanson  
NRCS Soil Conservation Technician: Ivan Reinke  
District Manager: Darren Newville  
Ass't District Manager: Anne Oldakowski  
Admin, Ed, & Outreach Asst: Kristi Rorah

**Adopt Agenda:** Motion made by Brett Dailey, seconded by Bruce Juntunen to adopt the agenda. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Nancy Benson arrived 7:36 am

**Approve Board Meeting Minutes from previous month:** Motion made by Bruce Juntunen, seconded by Brett Dailey to approve the last month's Board Meeting Minutes. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Motion made by Tom Schulz, seconded by Brett Dailey 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.

**Cover Crop Cost Share:**

CC-01; Clarksean, Dean; requesting second year payment for cover crops. This is a three-year contract for a total flat rate amount authorized not to exceed \$13,500.00 with the second-year payment of \$4,500.00. Motion made to approve by Brett Dailey, seconded by Nancy Benson. Opposed: none, Motion carried.

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CC-02; Schock, Andrew; requesting second year payment for cover crops. This is a three-year contract for a total flat rate amount authorized not to exceed \$13,500.00 with the second-year payment of \$4,500.00. Motion made to approve by Bruce Juntunen, seconded by Brett Dailey. Opposed: none, Motion carried.

CC-03; Matthews, Harold; requesting second year payment for cover crops. This is a three-year contract for a total flat rate amount authorized not to exceed \$1,012.50 with the second-year payment of \$337.50. Motion made to approve by Brett Dailey, seconded by Nancy Benson. Opposed: none, Motion carried.

***BWSR State Cost Share:***

20-04; Rice, Mark; authorization to approve payment for a field windbreak with a total cost of \$242.74 and cost sharing not to exceed \$182.06 or 75% whichever is less in Aldrich Township, section 27. Motion made to approve by Nancy Benson, seconded by Brett Dailey. Opposed: none, Motion carried.

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

***District Conservationist's Report:***

- Morrison SWCD has a three year NRCS contribution agreement to provide forestry management training, with fire, at Camp Ripley.
- CSP – 5 approved applications finished.
- Ivan is working on finishing 1 RCPP MAWQCP application that was pre-approved.
- One Water Bank program application was approved in September.

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

- Murlyn attended meeting in Alexandria. Topics discussed included paying for solar installation site cleanup after the 20 year contracts expire.
- Budgets and negotiations still ongoing.

***BWSR Report:***

- None

***Forestry Update:*** Tom attended meeting. Presentation and site visits showing how management techniques have changed. Passed three forestry resolutions.

Tom Schultz left 8:05 am

***Water Plan Update:***

- Redeye TAC met last week, BWSR would like to see a prioritized list of projects. Right now there is not a long list of projects. Should we be funding projects that are not "high priority" parcels? Do not want to exclude projects.
- Crow Wing 1W1P meeting is tomorrow. Hubbard SWCD wants lead role.

***TSA 8 Report:*** Nothing new to report.

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**Cost Share Payment Schedule:** Changes include increasing well sealing maximum from \$300 to \$500, 3 year limit for cover crop cost share

- Motion made by Nancy Benson to approve payment rate schedule as part of the cost share policy, seconded by Brett Dailey. Opposed: none, Motion carried.

**Equipment Purchases:**

- Discussion of tire bids received. Motion made by Brett Dailey to approve purchase of tires and alignment for two trucks, spending up to \$1000/each, at John's Car Care, seconded by Bruce Juntunen. Opposed: none, Motion carried.
- Need printer for irrigation program and computer/laptop to have as a backup. Motion made by Brett Dailey to approve purchase of printer and laptop, seconded by Nancy Benson. Opposed: none, Motion carried.
- Discussed purchase of ipads for board members. No decision, will bring up again at next meeting.

**Meetings/Trainings:**

- Area meeting: Ken, Brett, and Darren not attending, Tom and Nancy going Thursday & Friday, Bruce going Thursday, and Anne going Friday. Anne will reserve rooms.
- Motion to approve Anne attending MN Forest Carbon Series training in October made by Nancy Benson, seconded by Brett Dailey. Opposed: none, Motion carried.

Ivan Reinke arrived 9:00 am

**Public Comments:** Darren reported on state Covid policy – state agencies will be required to be vaccinated or have weekly testing. Contractors have been asked to comply with the same policy.

**Meeting Adjourned:** Meeting adjourned at 9:07 am.