



## Minutes from February 17, 2026, Board Meeting

The regular monthly board meeting of the Wadena Soil and Water Conservation District was held at 7:30 a.m. in person at the Sheriff's Building at the fairgrounds.

*The meeting was called to order by Chair Tom Schulz at 7:35 a.m.*

**Members Present:** Chair: Tom Schulz  
Vice Chair: Ken Berg  
Secretary: Brett Dailey  
Public Relations: Bruce Juntunen

**Members Absent:** Treasurer: Jerry Kern

**Others Present:** NRCS District Conservationist: Ivan Reinke  
District Manager: Darren Newville  
Assistant District Manager: Anne Oldakowski  
Administrative Secretary: Chantal Tougas

**Adopt Agenda:** Motion made by Bruce Juntunen, second by Brett Dailey, to adopt the agenda with the following addition: Under Cost Share: Conservation Crop Rotation for winter camelina. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**Approved Board Meeting Minutes:** Motion made by Ken Berg, second by Brett Dailey to approve last month's Board Meeting Minutes. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Motion made by Bruce Juntunen, second by Ken Berg, to approve the Treasurer's Report. Opposed: none, motion carried. Motion made by Brett Dailey, second by Ken Berg, to reinvest the maturing CD for 5 months at 3.75% interest. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**Bills Paid and Bills Payable:** Motion made by Brett Dailey, second by Ken Berg to approve the Bills Paid and Bills Payable as presented. Opposed: none, motion carried.

### **Cost Share**

Variable Rate Fertigation Pump payment rate staff recommendations were discussed. Motion made by Bruce Juntunen, second by Brett Dailey to approve the staff recommendations. Opposed: none, motion carried. Also discussed was a new Cover Crop/Conservation Cover practice for winter camelina. Darren had met with Cargill about the potential for this in our area.

### **Redeye WBIF**

**8-C25-0118-07;** Roth Riverside Inc; Aldrich Township, section 17; is requesting cost share assistance for a fertigation retrofit pump, with a total cost of \$6,800.20, with cost share payment not to exceed \$5,000 (maximum) or 75%. Motion made by Ken Berg, second by Brett Dailey to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

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## **Crow Wing WBIF**

**8-C25-0310-03;** West, Craig; Meadow Township, section 7; is requesting final payment for a forest stewardship plan (45 acres, plan by Joel Holden), with a total cost of \$470.00, cost share payment not to exceed \$235.00 or 50%. Motion made by Bruce Juntunen, second by Brett Dailey to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**8-C25-0310-10;** McAdams, David; Blueberry Township, sections 10,11,15; is requesting cost share assistance for a Forest Stewardship Plan. The estimated cost of the project is \$1,236.00 with cost share of \$618.00 or 50% whichever is less. This is the allowable amount for a new plan enrolling in 2C tax class. Motion made by Bruce Juntunen, second by Ken Berg to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**8-C25-0310-11;** Newhouse, Don; Shell River Township, section 31; is requesting cost share assistance for a Forest Stewardship Plan. The estimated cost of the project is \$1,020.00 with cost share of \$510.00 or 50% whichever is less. This is the allowable amount for a new plan enrolling in 2C tax class. Motion made by Bruce Juntunen, second by Brett Dailey to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**8-C25-0310-12;** Lanners, Kevin; Shell River Township, section 9; is requesting cost share assistance for tree and shrub planting. The estimated cost of the project is \$1,152.50 with cost share of \$864.38 or 75% whichever is less. Motion made by Bruce Juntunen, second by Brett Dailey to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

## **Conservation Contracts**

**8-P26-0382-03;** Breitling, Les; Aldrich Township, section 17; is requesting cost share assistance for a windbreak renovation, scheduled to be completed in 2027. The estimated cost of the project is \$1,260.00 with cost share of \$945.00 or 75% whichever is less. Motion made by Ken Berg, second by Brett Dailey to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

## **Soil Health Practices RCPP**

**8-P26-0061-01;** Petersen, Michael; Meadow Township, section 32; This contract number needs to be amended to **80-1-01** (County Number-Base Grant-Contract#).

**80-1-02;** Roth Riverside Inc; Leaf and Wing River Townships, sections 25 and 30; is requesting cost share assistance for strip tillage practice on 150 acres. The estimated cost of the project is \$4,800.00 which is a flat rate of \$32/acre. Motion made by Ken Berg, second by Brett Dailey to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**County Commissioner's Report:** Not present.

**District Manager's Report:** Read by Darren Newville.

**NRCS District Conservationist's Report:** Read by Ivan Reinke.

**Other Agency Reports:** None present.

**Forestry Update:** Alex Hoffman is the new liaison between the DNR Nursery and SWCD's. Maybe a meeting in April?

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

**Meetings/Trainings:** Motion made by Bruce Juntunen, second by Ken Berg to approve those meetings on the agenda and fees associated with them. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**Poster Contest:** Motion made by Ken Berg, second by Bruce Juntunen to proceed with the poster contest and follow the NACD topic for the year. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**AIS:** Motion made by Bruce Juntunen, second by Brett Dailey to accept the contract from Always There Staffing for AIS monitoring. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**Public Comments:**

**Meeting Adjourned:** Meeting adjourned at 9:02 a.m.