



Minutes from March 16, 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 7:30 a.m.

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

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 Ken Berg, to adopt the agenda with the following addition: Under Public Comments: Advertising at Cozy Theater. Opposed: none, motion carried.

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

Treasurer's Report: Motion made by Bruce Juntunen, second by Jerry Kern, to approve the Treasurer's Report. Opposed: none, motion carried.

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

Cost Share

Redeye WBIF

8-C25-0118-03; Brad Kempe; Wadena Township, Section 35; is requesting final payment for his Well Sealing. The total cost of the project was \$1,600.00 with the cost share amount of \$750.00 which is the maximum allowable. Motion made by Brett Dailey, second by Bruce Juntunen to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

8-C25-0118-05; Chad Uselman; North Germany & Wing River Townships, Section 33 & 5; is requesting a final payment for his Forest Stewardship Plan. The total cost of the plan was \$790.00 with the cost share amount of \$395.00 which is 50%. Motion made by Tom Schulz, second by Jerry Kern to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

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8-C25-0118-07; Brett Bergeron; Rockwood Township, Section 33; is requesting cost share assistance for a Forest Stewardship Plan on 157 acres. The estimated cost of the plan is \$935.00 with the cost share assistance of \$233.75 or 25% whichever is less. This is a renewal plan in SFIA and will be written by Joel Holden. Motion made by Tom Schulz, second by Ken Berg to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

8-C25-0118-08; Marcus Edin; Bullard Township, Section 33; is requesting cost share assistance for a Forest Stewardship Plan on 209 acres. The estimated cost of the plan is \$650.00 with the cost share assistance of \$325.00 or 50% whichever is less. This plan will be enrolled in 2C and will be written by Joel Holden. Motion made by Ken Berg, second by Brett Dailey to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

8-C25-0118-09; Steve McDonald; North Germany Township, Section 15; is requesting cost share assistance for a Forest Stewardship Plan on 122 acres. The estimated cost of the plan is \$860.00 with the cost share assistance of \$430.00 or 50% whichever is less. This plan will be enrolled in 2C and will be written by Joel Holden. Motion made by Tom Schulz, second by Ken Berg to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Crow Wing WBIF

8-C25-0310-08; Tom Lindell; Orton Township, Section 8; is requesting final payment for his Forest Stewardship Plan. The total cost of the plan was \$880.00 with the cost share amount of \$220.00 which is 25%. Motion made by Jerry Kern, second by Ken Berg to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

8-C25-0310-09; Lindell River Camp, LLC; Orton Township, Section 10; is requesting final payment for a Forest Stewardship Plan. The total cost of the plan was \$668.00 with the cost share amount of \$167.00 which is 25%. Motion made by Jerry Kern, second by Bruce Juntunen to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

8-C25-0310-13; Stanley & Jim Tyrrell; Thomastown Township, Section 20; is requesting cost share assistance for their Riparian Forest Buffer. The estimated cost of the project is \$1,608.50 with cost share assistance of \$1,206.38 or 75% whichever is less. 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: The meeting this week has a good agenda with updates on the DNR nursery, goats & buckthorn, agroforestry, and the new FERN estimator.

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TSA 8 Report: Meeting at the end of the month to elect officers. The work plan for BWSR is set to be re-written.

Meetings/Trainings: For information purposes only.

MFRC West Central Plan Update: Motion made by Jerry Kern, second by Ken Berg to approve Anne to sign the contract with Mitch Brinks for providing maps for the plan update. Opposed: none, motion carried.

JAA: Motion made by Ken Berg, second by Brett Dailey to approve JAA for Savanna as recommended by NRCS. Opposed: none, motion carried. Motion made by Ken Berg, second by Brett Dailey to approve JAA for Alyson as recommended by NRCS. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Public Comments: Motion made by Ken Berg, second by Bruce Juntunen to approve the quote from the Cozy Theater for advertising before movies start. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned: Meeting adjourned at 8:32 a.m.