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March 16, 2026

WADENA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Regular Monthly Board Meeting to be held at 7:30 a.m.

in person at Wadena Sheriff Building • 500 Birch Ave NW • Wadena, MN (at the fairgrounds)

Members may be participating by interactive technology.

Agenda

1. Call Meeting to Order by Chairperson Tom Schulz
2. Adopt Agenda
3. Approve the last month's Board Meeting Minutes
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Bills Paid and Bills Payable
6. Cost Share
7. County Commissioner's Report
8. District Manager's Report
9. District Conservationist's Report
10. Other Agency Reports

OLD BUSINESS

11. Forestry Update
12. TSA Update

NEW BUSINESS

13. Meetings and Trainings
 - SWCD Forestry Association Meeting, McGregor, Tom and Anne
 - TSA8 Board Meeting, March 24, Bemidji, Tom and Anne
 - SWCD Managers Meeting, March 25, St. Cloud, Anne
14. Contract with Mitch Brinks for mapping for the MFRC West Central Plan Update
15. Public Comments
16. Adjourn

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Date	Meeting
3/9/2026	Red Eye Watershed Policy Committee Meeting
3/16/2026	Wadena SWCD Board Meeting
3/17-3/18/2026	MASWCD Legislative Days
3/19/2026	EOT SWCD Board Meeting
3/19/2026	SWCD Forestry Association Mtg, McGregor, Tom & Anne
3/24-3/26/2026	NACD Fly-in, Washington DC, Darren
3/25-3/26/2026	SWCD Managers Mtg, St. Cloud, Anne
3/24/2026	TSA8 Meeting, Bemidji, Tom & Anne
3/27/2026	SWCD Supervisor Orientation/Refresher Training, DL
3/31/2026	BWSR Spring Training, virtual
4/2/2026	Joint Retreat, New York Mills
4/15/2026	EOT SWCD Board Meeting
4/16/2026	MnSTAC Meeting, St. Paul, Anne
4/20/2026	Wadena Board Meeting

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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.