



### **Minutes from June 16, 2025, 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  
Treasurer: Jerry Kern  
Public Relations: Bruce Juntunen

**Members Absent:** Secretary: Brett Dailey

**Others Present:** County Commissioner: Murlyn Kreklau  
BWSR Board Conservationist: Pete Waller  
NRCS District Conservationist: Ivan Reinke  
District Manager: Darren Newville  
Assistant District Manager: Anne Oldakowski  
Admin Secretary: Chantal Tougas

**Adopt Agenda:** Motion made by Jerry Kern, second by Ken Berg to adopt the agenda as presented. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**Approved Board Meeting Minutes:** Motion made by Ken Berg, second by Bruce Juntunen 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. Motion made by Ken Berg, second by Jerry Kern to re-invest the CD that is maturing on June 20, 2025, for another 6 months. Opposed: none, motion carried.

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

### **Cost Share:**

#### **Crow Wing WBIF Cost Share C25-0310:**

**8-C25-0310-01;** Etter Farms LCC; is requesting first year payment for strip tillage of \$2,407.50. This is a 3-year contract on 107 acres, with a flat rate of \$22.50/acre/year for a total cost of \$7,222.50, in Blueberry Township, sections 20 and 24. Motion made by Bruce Juntunen, second by Jerry Kern to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

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

**2025 Soil Health P25-0561:**

**P25-0561-01;** Dennis Carlson; Requesting final payment for a conservation cover practice. The total cost was \$1,044.00 with cost share of \$783.00 which is 75%. Motion made by Bruce Juntunen, second by Ken Berg to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**P25-0561-03;** Jackie Trushenski; Requesting final payment for a tree and shrub establishment practice. The total cost was \$1,457.50 with cost share of \$1,093.13 which is 75%. Motion made by Jerry Kern, second by Ken Berg to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**2024 Conservation Contracts P24-0302:**

**P24-0302-03;** Lloyd Lanz; Requesting final payment for a well sealing. The total cost was \$260.00 with cost share of \$195.00 which is 75%. Motion made by Ken Berg, second by Tom Schulz to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**County Commissioner's Report:**

- The 2026 budget is a priority.
- Equalization meeting tonight.
- County Road 10 graveling project is underway.

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

**NRCS District Conservationist's Report:** read by Ivan.

**Other Agency Reports:** Pete Waller gave a legislative update.

**Forestry Update:** SFIA is cut by 10%. It sounds like you may be able to get out of that if you would choose to.

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

**Meetings/Trainings:** Stewardship Summit coming up. Managers Cohort is in the planning process.

**Fixed Assets:** Motion made by Ken Berg, second by Bruce Juntunen to raise the Fixed Asset threshold from \$1,000 to \$5,000, retroactive to January 1, 2025, per advice of our auditor. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**Public Comments:** none.

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**Meeting Adjourned:** Meeting adjourned at 8:18 a.m.

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