



Minutes from June 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
Treasurer: Jerry Kern
Public Relations: Bruce Juntunen
Secretary: Brett Dailey

Members Absent:

Vice Chair: Ken Berg

Others Present:

BWSR Board Conservationist: Pete Waller
NRCS District Conservationist: Ivan Reinke
District Manager: Darren Newville
Assistant District Manager: Anne Oldakowski
Administrative Assistant: Chantal Tougas
EOT Liaison: Bruce Albright

Adopt Agenda: Motion made by Brett Dailey, second by Bruce Juntunen, to adopt the agenda. Opposed: none, motion carried.

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

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

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

Cost Share

Redeye WBIF

8-C22-7830-04; Dailey, Brett; Rockwood Township, section 25; is requesting final payment for a prescribed grazing practice. Total cost of the project was \$30,548.16 with a previous payment of \$13,021.05 and final cost share of \$9,890.07. Motion made by Tom Schulz, second by Bruce Juntunen to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried. *Please note that Brett Dailey abstained from voting.*

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8-C25-0118-06; Sheila Fink Trust; Wing River Township, section 35; is requesting final payment for a Forest Stewardship Plan. The total cost of the project was \$1,020.00 with cost share of \$510.00 or 50%. The is the allowable amount for a new plan enrolling in 2C tax class. Plan was written by Anne Oldakowski. Motion made by Brett Dailey, second by Jerry Kern to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

8-C25-0118-10; Brett Bergeron; Rockwood Township, Section 33; is requesting final payment for a Forest Stewardship Plan on 155 acres. The total cost of the plan was \$925.00 with cost share assistance of \$231.25 or 25%. This is a renewal plan in SFIA and was written by Joel Holden. Motion made by Tom Schulz, second by Bruce Juntunen to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

8-C25-0118-12; Steve Becker; Thomastown Township, Section 8; is requesting cost share assistance for his Grazing Management on 100 acres. The estimated cost of the project is \$68,060.74 with cost share assistance of \$51,045.56 or 75% whichever is less. Motion made by Brett Dailey, second by Jerry Kern to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

8-C25-0118-13; Art Schluttner; Aldrich Township, Section 13; is requesting cost share assistance for a Fertigation Pump. The estimated cost of the project is \$7,964.00 with cost share assistance of \$2,465.00 or 75% whichever is less. \$3,508.00 is coming from NRCS. Motion made by Jerry Kern, second by Brett Dailey to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

8-C25-0118-14; Keith Waln; Leaf River Township, Section 14; is requesting cost share assistance for Waste Facility Closure. The estimated cost of the project is \$19,375.00 with cost share assistance of \$14,531.25 or 75% whichever is less. Motion made by Brett Dailey, second by Bruce Juntunen to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

8-C25-0118-15; Tom Schulz; North Germany Township, Section 8; is requesting cost share assistance for a Forest Stewardship Plan on 37 acres. The estimated cost of the project is \$670.00 with cost share assistance of \$167.50 or 25% whichever is less. This is a plan renewal that is currently enrolled in SFIA. Motion made by Bruce Juntunen, second by Jerry Kern to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried. *Please note that Tom Schulz abstained from voting.*

Crow Wing WBIF

8-C25-0310-01; Etter Farms LLC; Blueberry Township, sections 20,24; is requesting second 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. Motion made by Bruce Juntunen, second by Brett Dailey to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

8-C25-0310-10; McAdams Family Trust c/o David McAdams; Blueberry Township, sections 10,11,15; is requesting final payment for a Forest Stewardship Plan. The total cost of the project was \$1,220.00 with cost share of \$610.00 or 50%. This is the allowable amount for a new plan enrolling in 2C tax class, plan written by Joel Holden. Motion made by Bruce Juntunen, second by Jerry Kern to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

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

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8-C25-0310-12; Lanners, Kevin; Shell River Township, section 9; is requesting final payment for tree and shrub planting. The total cost of the project was \$1,152.50 with cost share of \$864.38 or 75%. Motion made by Bruce Juntunen, second by Jerry Kern to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

8-C25-0310-13; Tyrrell, Stan & Jim; Thomastown Township, section 20; is requesting final payment for tree and shrub planting. The total cost of the project was \$1,333.90 with cost share of \$1,000.43 or 75%. Motion made by Jerry Kern, second by Brett Dailey to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

8-C25-0310-17; Lori Fuchs Revocable Trust; Lyons Township, Section 28; is requesting cost share assistance for a Forest Stewardship Plan on 131 acres. The estimated cost of the project is \$1,600.00 with cost share assistance of \$400.00 or 25% whichever is less. This is a plan renewal that is currently enrolled in SFIA, plan to be written by Anne Oldakowski. Motion made by Jerry Kern, second by Brett Dailey to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

8-C25-0310-18; Renneberg Hardwoods, Inc.; Blueberry Township, Section 29; is requesting cost share assistance for a Forest Stewardship Plan on 40 acres. The estimated cost of the project is \$700.00 with cost share assistance of \$525.00 or 75% whichever is less. This is a new plan and will be applying for SFIA, plan to be written by Eric Eggen. Motion made by Bruce Juntunen, second by Brett Dailey to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Conservation Contracts P26-0382

8-P26-0382-02; Burlingame, Kelly; Blueberry Township, section 26; is requesting final payment for tree and shrub planting. The total cost of the project was \$4,258.66 with cost share of \$3,194.00 or 75%. Motion made by Bruce Juntunen, second by Jerry Kern to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Soil Health Practices RCPP

80-1-1; Petersen, Michael; Meadow Township, section 32; is requesting final payment for strip tillage practice on 106 acres. The flat rate payment for the project is \$3,392.00, which is \$32/acre. Motion made by Bruce Juntunen, second by Jerry Kern to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

80-1-2; Roth Riverside Inc; Leaf and Wing River Townships, sections 25, 30; is requesting final payment for strip tillage practice on 150 acres. The flat rate payment for the project is \$4,800.00, which is \$32/acre. Motion made by Brett Dailey, second by Jerry Kern to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

80-1-3; Duncan, Gary; Aldrich/Wing River Townships, sections 5/32; is requesting final payment for a no till practice on 33 acres. The flat rate payment for the project is \$1,056.00, which is \$32/acre. Motion made by Jerry Kern, second by Brett Dailey to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

MDA Weed Management Grant 264520

264520-2025-04; Lundberg, Bill; Redeye Township, section 33; is requesting a contract amendment to increase the amount authorized from \$1000.00 to \$1,113.91 due to extra expense for hiring a third party to implement the practice. Motion made by Bruce Juntunen, second by Brett Dailey to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

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264520-2025-04; Lundberg, Bill; Redeye Township, section 33; is requesting final payment for a weed management practice for wild parsnip. Total cost was \$1,113.91. Motion made by Bruce Juntunen, 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: Pete Waller reported that the legislative session has ended and gave an overview of the results.

Forestry Update: At the past meeting Carbon Sequestration was discussed. A minimum of 500 acres is required to get into the program. A discussion was also held on burning teams for controlled fire burns. There have been reports from Districts regarding issues with their tree planters.

TSA 8 Report: There is a Microsoft teams meeting tomorrow to discuss funding.

Meetings/Trainings: Bruce and Tom plan to attend the Area Meeting on June 26, 2026 in Bemidji.

Resolutions: None brought forward.

Conservation Cooperator Nominations: Motion made by Brett Dailey, second by Jerry Kern to nominate Neal Brothers for the MASWCD Cooperator Award at the Annual Convention. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Public Comments: Due to the storm that came through last week that brought hail damage to our District vehicles. The Board members gave staff some suggestions on Body Shops for quotes on repairing the damage.

Meeting Adjourned: Meeting adjourned at 8:41 a.m.