



Minutes from July 20, 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
Treasurer: Jerry Kern
Public Relations: Bruce Juntunen
Secretary: Brett Dailey

Others Present:

NRCS District Conservationist: Ivan Reinke
District Manager: Darren Newville
Assistant District Manager: Anne Oldakowski
Administrative Assistant: Chantal Tougas

Adopt Agenda: Motion made by Brett Dailey, second by Jerry Kern, 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 Bruce Juntunen, second by Ken Berg, to approve the Treasurer's Report. Opposed: none, motion carried. Motion made by Ken Berg, second by Jerry Kern to reinvest CD 5364 for 11 months @ 4%. 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-C25-0118-08; Edin, Marcus; Bullard Township, sections 22,27,28; is requesting final payment for a forest stewardship plan. Total cost of the project was \$600.00, with cost share of \$300 or 50%. Motion made by Jerry Kern, second by Bruce Juntunen to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

8-C25-0118-11; Sahr, Roberta; Wing River and Bullard Townships, sections 1/6,7; is requesting final payment for a forest stewardship plan. Total cost of the project was \$2,100.00, with cost share of \$1,050.00 or 50%. Motion made by Brett Dailey, second by Jerry Kern to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

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Crow Wing WBIF

8-C25-0310-14; Giza Revocable Trust; Lyons Township, Section 15; is requesting final payment for a forest stewardship plan. The total cost of the project was \$1,150.00, with cost share of \$575.00 or 50%. Motion made by Jerry Kern, second by Brett Dailey to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

8-C25-0310-16; Grustayer Inc; Blueberry Township, Sections 35,36; is requesting final payment for a forest stewardship plan. The total cost of the project was \$3,500.00, with cost share of \$875.00 or 25%. Motion made by Bruce Juntunen, second by Ken Berg to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

8-C25-0310-17; Lori Fuchs Revocable Trust; Lyons Township, Section 28; is requesting final payment for a forest stewardship plan. The total cost of the project was \$1,600.00, with cost share of \$400.00 or 25%. Motion made by Jerry Kern, second by Bruce Juntunen to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

8-C25-0310-18; Renneberg Hardwoods, Inc.; Blueberry Township, Section 29; is requesting final payment for a forest stewardship plan. The total cost of the project was \$700.00, with cost share assistance of \$525.00 or 75%. Motion made by Bruce Juntunen, second by Ken Berg to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Conservation Contracts P26-0382

8-P26-0382-01; Pettit, Andrea; Leaf River Township, section 32; is requesting final payment for tree and shrub planting. The total cost of the project was \$683.00, with cost share of \$503.40 or 75%. Motion made by Brett Dailey, second by Ken Berg to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Soil Health Practices RCPP

80-1-5; Peterson, Michael; Meadow Township, section 32; is requesting cost share assistance for a cover crop practice on 109.21 acres. The flat rate payment for the project is \$2,730.25, which is \$25/acre. 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 Anne Oldakowski.

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

Other Agency Reports: None present

Forestry Update: A meeting was held last week. The MN Forestry Association gave a presentation on their 150-year history. There was a presentation on Forest Carbon Works. Lindberg Ekola is back working for the DNR.

TSA 8 Report: No problems or complaints.

SWCD Guideline Resolution: Motion made by Brett Dailey, second by Ken Berg to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

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Resolutions: None brought forward.

Meetings and Trainings: Area 8 meeting sometime in September. BWSR Academy in October. The Annual Convention will be November 30 – December 2, 2026.

2027 Budget: Motion made by Brett Dailey, second by Ken Berg to approve the draft budget to be presented to Wadena County on August 11, 2026. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Vehicle Repairs: The hailstorm back in June caused damage to all three of our vehicles. Repair quotes were obtained. Motion made by Ken Berg, second by Brett Dailey to approve the repair of all three vehicles. Our deductible for each is \$500 for a grand total of \$1,500.00. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Public Comments: Motion made by Brett Dailey, second by Jerry Kern, to contribute \$5,000 to EOT SWCD for the purchase of a cooler for the SWCD shed in Perham. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned: Meeting adjourned at 8:46 a.m.