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November 17, 2025

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)

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
 - MASWCD Convention donation for Envirothon raffle
14. Crow Wing Watershed Implementation Agreement Amendment – Approval
15. Board/Staff Retreat discussion
16. Public Comments
17. Adjourn



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Date	Meeting
11/19/2025	EOT SWCD Board Meeting
11/27 – 11/28/2025	Thanksgiving – offices closed
12/1 – 12/3/2025	MASWCD Convention
12/15/2025	Wadena SWCD Board Meeting
12/17/2025	EOT SWCD Board Meeting



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

Others Present:

County Commissioner: Murlyn Kreklau
District Manager: Darren Newville
Assistant District Manager: Anne Oldakowski
Education & Outreach Admin Asst: Kristi Rorah

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

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

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

**Murlyn Kreklau joined the meeting at 7:36 am.*

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

Cost Share

Crow Wing WBIF Cost Share C25-0310:

8-C25-0310-04; Piri, Curt; authorization to *encumber funds for cover crops on 8.7 acres. This is a one-year, single species flat rate/acre contract of \$25/acre; cost share payment not to exceed \$217.50, in Meadow Township, section 8.

*Approved by Anne on 9/30/25. Motion made by Bruce Juntunen, second by Ken Berg to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

8-C25-0310-04; Piri, Curt; requesting final payment for cover crops on 8.7 acres. This is a one-year, single species flat rate/acre contract of \$25/acre; cost share payment not to exceed \$217.50, in Meadow Township, section 8. Motion made by Bruce Juntunen, second by Ken Berg to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

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Redeye WBIF Cost Share C22-7830:

8-C22-7830-02; Witthuhn, Jack; Wadena Township, sections 27,28,33; requesting final payment for cover crops on 56.5 acres. This is a one-year, single species flat rate/acre contract of \$25/acre; with cost share payment of \$1,412.50. Motion made by Brett Dailey, second by Ken Berg to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

8-C22-7830-05; Fischer, Matt; Rockwood Township, Section 29, requesting final payment for a Forest Stewardship plan (62 acres, written by Anne), with a total cost of \$658.00, cost share payment not to exceed \$493.50 or 75% whichever is less. Motion made by Tom Schulz, second by Brett Dailey to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

8-C22-7830-06; Fischer, Ross & Adam; Rockwood Township, Section 29, requesting an amendment to their cost share contract as they decided to go with a 20-year SFIA covenant instead of 2C. Amendment is to change the cost share percentage from 50% to 75%, with a total cost of \$1,351.00, cost share payment not to exceed \$1,013.25 or 75% whichever is less (a change from a cost share amount of \$675.50). Motion made by Tom Schulz, second by Brett Dailey to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

8-C22-7830-06; Fischer, Ross & Adam; Rockwood Township, Section 29, requesting final payment for a Forest Stewardship plan (136 acres, written by Anne), with a total cost of \$1,351.00, cost share payment not to exceed \$1,013.25 or 75% whichever is less. Motion made by Tom Schulz, second by Ken Berg to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

MDA Weed Management Grant 264520:

264520-2025-01; Leaf River Township; requesting an amendment to their cost share contract as they sprayed additional roads in the township and costs increased from \$1,000 to \$1,600. Amendment is to increase the cost share payment to a flat rate payment of \$1,600. Motion made by Brett Dailey, second by Ken Berg to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

264520-2025-01; Leaf River Township; requesting final payment for wild parsnip management of \$1,600.00. Motion made by Brett Dailey, second by Ken Berg to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

264520-2025-02; Schwartz, Rick; requesting final payment for wild parsnip management of \$124.52 in Leaf River Township. Motion made by Brett Dailey, second by Bruce Juntunen to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

264520-2025-03; Tabery, Missy; requesting final payment for wild parsnip management of \$967.99 in Leaf River Township. Motion made by Brett Dailey, second by Jerry Kern to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

264520-2025-04; Dailey, Brett; requesting final payment for wild parsnip management of \$1,034.71 in Leaf River Township. Motion made by Bruce Juntunen, second by Jerry Kern to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried, with Brett Dailey abstaining.

County Commissioner's Report:

- County board continues to work on the budget
- Status of the 4H building is in question. Friends of the Library group have raised money and are advocating for converting the building into an event center.
- County is dealing with a ditch issue by Nimrod.

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District Manager's Report: Read by Darren.

NRCS District Conservationist's Report: none

Other Agency Reports: None present.

Forestry Update: Presented by Tom Schulz. Next meeting will be in November. Topic of discussion will be the replacement of ash trees for tree sales.

TSA 8 Report: Nothing new to report.

Meetings/Trainings:

- MASWCD convention Dec. 1 – 3, all supervisors are planning to attend.

Copy machine: Current lease is ending, lease of new machine will be for 5 years. Motion made by Jerry Kern, second by Bruce Juntunen to approve the new lease. Opposed: none, motion carried.

2026 Soil Management Summit scholarships: Proposal made to provide five \$150 scholarships for producers to attend the Soil Management Summit January 14-15, 2026 in Fargo. Motion made by Ken Berg, second by Brett Dailey to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

- Motion made by Ken Berg, second by Bruce Juntunen, to allow staff and supervisors to attend the Soil Management Summit. Opposed: none, motion carried.

*Ken Berg left the meeting at 8:20 a.m.

*Murlyn Kreklau left the meeting at 8:22 a.m.

Resolutions: Resolutions were discussed and supervisors votes were recorded to be input online after the meeting. Ken Berg had voted online prior to the meeting.

Public Comments: none

Meeting Adjourned: Meeting adjourned at 9:08 a.m.