



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 & 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.