



Minutes from November 17, 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:

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

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

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

Cost Share

Red Eye WBIF C21-3238

8-C21-3238-01; Tuinstra, Mike; requesting final payment for 2025 and 2026 Irrigation Water Management; cost share payment not to exceed \$1,000.00 in Aldrich Township, section 3. Motion made by Ken Berg, second by Jerry Kern to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried. These two payments will come out of Red Eye 2.0.

Red Eye WBIF C22-7830

8-C22-7830-08; Strayer Dairy LLC; requesting final payment for cover crops on 67.1 acres. This is a one-year, single species flat rate/acre contract of \$25/acre; cost share payment not to exceed \$1,677.50, in Bluffton Township, section 14. Motion made by Tom Schulz, second by Brett Dailey to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

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Red Eye WBIF C25-0118

6-C25-0118-01; Hovius, Austin; requesting second-year payment for cover crops. This is a three-year contract for a total flat rate in the amount of \$39,360.00 (\$41/acre for 320 acres) in Wadena Township, sections 15, 28, Aldrich Township, sections 2, 7, 22, 23, 28, Thomastown Township, section 10, and Wing River Township, section 24, with the second-year payment of \$13,120.00. Motion made by Ken Berg, second by Brett Dailey to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

2025 Soil Health

P25-0561-04; Roth Riverside Farm Inc; requesting final payment for cover crops on 320 acres. This is a one-year, single species flat rate/acre contract of \$33/acre; cost share payment not to exceed \$10,560.00 in Aldrich Township, section 16 and Wing River Township, section 35. Motion made by Ken Berg, second by Jerry Kern to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Crow Wing WBIF C25-0310

8-C25-0310-05; Smith, Heidi; Bullard Township, section 1,2 and Lyons Township, section 36; is requesting cost share assistance for a Forest Stewardship Plan for 280 acres. The estimated cost of the project is \$2,820.00 with cost share of \$1,410.00 or 50% whichever is less. The is the allowable amount for a new plan enrolling in 2C tax class. Plan will be written by Anne. Motion made by Jerry Kern, second by Brett Dailey to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

8-C25-0310-06; Lindell Investments LLP; Orton Township, section 19; is requesting cost share assistance for a Forest Stewardship Plan on 100 acres. The estimated cost of the project is \$800.00 with cost share of \$600.00 or 75% whichever is less. The is the allowable amount for a new plan enrolling in SFIA. Plan will be written by Joel Holden. Motion made by Jerry Kern, second by Ken Berg to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

8-C25-0310-07; Lindell, Frank; Orton Township, section 19; is requesting cost share assistance for a Forest Stewardship Plan on 100 acres. The estimated cost of the project is \$680.00 with cost share of \$170.00 or 25% whichever is less. The is the allowable amount for a renewal plan in SFIA. Plan will be written by Joel Holden. Motion made by Bruce Juntunen, second by Jerry Kern to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

8-C25-0310-08; Lindell River Camp LLC; Orton Township, section 8; is requesting cost share assistance for a Forest Stewardship Plan on 143 acres. The estimated cost of the project is \$915.00 with cost share of \$228.75 or 25% whichever is less. The is the allowable amount for a renewal plan in SFIA. Plan will be written by Joel Holden. Motion made by Jerry Kern, second by Brett Dailey to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

8-C25-0310-09; Lindell, Tom; Orton Township, section 10; is requesting cost share assistance for a Forest Stewardship Plan on 80 acres. The estimated cost of the project is \$680.00 with cost share of \$170.00 or 25% whichever is less. The is the allowable amount for a renewal plan in SFIA. Plan will be written by Joel Holden. Motion made by Jerry Kern, second by Bruce Juntunen to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

County Commissioner's Report: not present.

District Manager's Report: Read by Anne.

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NRCS District Conservationist's Report: Read by Ivan

Other Agency Reports: None present.

Forestry Update: Virtual meeting was attended on Carbon Sequestration. There was a MN State Forester in attendance. The next meeting is this Thursday.

TSA 8 Report: Things are going well.

Meetings/Trainings:

- MASWCD convention Dec. 1-3, 2025. Motion made by Brett Dailey, second by Bruce Juntunen to approve \$125.00 for a donation to the raffle for the State Envirothon held at the convention. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Crow Wing WBIF: Motion made by Ken Berg, second by Jerry Kern to approve adding the White Earth Tribe to the WBIF grant. Opposed: none, motion carried.

2026 Board & Staff Retreat: Discussion was held and agreed upon to plan a joint Staff/Board retreat with both Wadena and EOT SWCD's.

Public Comments: none

Meeting Adjourned: Meeting adjourned at 8:23 a.m.