



**October 21, 2026**

**East Otter Tail Soil and Water Conservation District  
Regular Monthly Board Meeting to be held at 7:30 a.m.**

**801 Jenny Ave SW, Perham MN 56573**

**Members may be participating in interactive technology.**

**Agenda**

1. Call meeting to order by Chairperson Lyle Dittmann
2. Adopt Agenda
3. Approve the previous month's Board Meeting Minutes
4. Treasurer's Report
  - Review of Draft Audit
  - Management Representation Letter from Peterson
5. Bills Paid and Payable
6. Cost-Share
7. District Manager's Report
8. District Conservationist's Report
9. County Commissioner's Report
10. Other Agency Reports
  - Senator Jordan Rasmusson - Invited

**Old Business**

11. TSA Update

**New Business**

12. Meetings and Trainings
  - Area 1 Meeting – November 17, 2026 in Mahnommen
13. MASWCD Resolutions
14. Public Comments
15. Adjourn



| Date              | Meeting                                      |
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| 10/19/2026        | Wadena SWCD Board Meeting                    |
| 10/20 –22/2026    | BWSR Academy                                 |
| 10/21/2026        | EOT SWCD Board Meeting                       |
| 11/16/2026        | Wadena SWCD Board Meeting                    |
| 11/17/2026        | Area 1 Meeting                               |
| 11/18/2026        | EOT SWCD Board Meeting                       |
| 11/26-27/2026     | <i>Thanksgiving Holiday – Offices Closed</i> |
| 11/30 – 12/2/2026 | MASWCD Annual Meeting/Convention             |
| 12/16/2026        | EOT SWCD Board Meeting                       |
| 12/21/2026        | Wadena SWCD Board Meeting                    |
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## MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 16, 2026, BOARD MEETING

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*The meeting was called to order by Chair Lyle Dittmann at 7:30 a.m.*

**Members Present:** Chairperson: Lyle Dittmann  
Vice Chair: Steve Inwards  
Secretary: Terry Greenwaldt  
Public Relations: Wayne Enger

**Others Present:** County Commissioner: Dan Bucholz  
NRCS Conservationist: Troy Baumgart  
District Manager: Darren Newville  
Administrative Secretary: Chantal Tougas  
Riparian Conservation Planning: Pete Guck

**Members Absent:** Treasurer: Bruce Albright

**Agenda:** Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Steve Inwards to adopt the agenda. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**Board Meeting Minutes:** Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Terry Greenwaldt, to approve the previous Board Meeting Minutes as presented. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Steve Inwards, to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented, subject to audit. Opposed: none, motion carried. Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve CD 5505 renewing for 11 months, transferring \$500,000 from savings to a 7-month CD and \$500,000 from savings to a 17-month CD. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**Bills Paid & Bills Payable:** Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Steve Inwards, to approve the Bills Paid and Bills Payable as presented. Opposed: none, motion carried.

### COST SHARE

#### OTTERTAIL WBIF

**6-C23-4546-45;** Gerald Wanderi; Corliss Township, Section 25; is requesting final payment for an ag waste pit closure. Final cost was \$16,100.00 with cost share of \$12,075.00, which is 75%. Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Wayne Enger to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**6-C25-0116-23;** Double D Farms; Gorman Township, Sections 8,10; is requesting final payment for a fertigation pump. Final cost was \$5,250.00 with cost share of \$3,937.50, which is 75%. Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**6-C25-0116-26;** Steve Breitenfeldt; Pine Lake Township, Sections 23,25; is requesting final payment for an updated forest stewardship plan. Final cost was \$2,770.00 with cost share of \$690.00, which is 25%. Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Steve Inwards to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.



**6-C25-0116-29;** Sue Nyhus; Star Lake Township, Section 3; is requesting cost share assistance for a critical area planting on Star Lake. The estimated cost is \$4,187.00, with cost share of \$3,140.25 or 75% whichever is less. Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**6-C27-0106-01;** Keil Farms; Gorman Township, Section 13; is requesting cost share assistance for planting a multi-species cover crop on 160 acres. This is a flat rate contract for \$5,600.00 which is \$35/acre. Approved by Darren 8/27/2026. Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Wayne Enger to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**6-C27-0106-02;** Huebsch Farms; Pine Lake, Otto Townships, Sections 31,8; is requesting cost share assistance for planting a single-species cover crop on 160 acres. This is a flat rate contract for \$4,000.00 which is \$25/acre. Approved by Darren 8/28/2026. Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**6-C27-0106-03;** Ben Palubicki; Perham Township, Sections 13,15; is requesting cost share assistance for planting a multi-species cover crop on 160 acres. This is a flat rate contract for \$5,600.00 which is \$35/acre. Approved by Darren 8/19/2026. Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Wayne Enger to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**6-C27-0106-04;** Jordan Palubicki; Otter Tail, Girard Townships, Sections 21,5; is requesting cost share assistance for planting a single-species cover crop on 160 acres. This is a flat rate contract for \$4,000.00 which is \$25/acre. Approved by Darren 9/8/2026. Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Steve Inwards to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**6-C27-0106-05;** Nic Palubicki; Pine Lake, Otter Tail Townships, Sections 30,27; is requesting cost share assistance for planting a single-species cover crop on 160 acres. This is a flat rate contract for \$4,000.00 which is \$25/acre. Approved by Darren 9/8/2026. Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**6-C27-0106-06;** Ron Palubicki; Otter Tail, Girard Townships, Sections 34, 9; is requesting cost share assistance for planting a single-species cover crop on 160 acres. This is a flat rate contract for \$4,000.00 which is \$25/acre. 126 acres are in the Otter Tail watershed with \$3,150.00 taken from 2<sup>nd</sup> Otter Tail WBIF grant and 34 acres are in the Redeye watershed with \$850.00 taken from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Redeye WBIF grant. Approved by Darren 9/8/2026. Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Steve Inwards to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**6-C27-0106-07;** Russ Palubicki; Otter Tail Township, Section 22; is requesting cost share assistance for planting a single-species cover crop on 160 acres. This is a flat rate contract for \$4,000.00 which is \$25/acre. Approved by Darren 8/27/2026. Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Wayne Enger to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

### REDEYE WBIF

**6-C25-0118-12;** Wehking Farms; Eastern Township, section 26; is requesting final payment for a pumping plant. Final cost was \$17,950.00 with cost share of \$8,691.50 or 48%. Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Steve Inwards to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.



**6-C25-0118-19;** AR Farms; Oak Valley Township, Sections 17,1; is requesting cost share assistance for planting a multi-species cover crop on 40 acres. This is a flat rate contract for \$1,400.00 which is \$35/acre. Approved by Darren 9/8/2026. Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Wayne Enger to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**6-C25-0118-20;** Mitch Cichy; Inman Township, Section 16; is requesting cost share assistance for planting a multi-species cover crop on 14.61 acres. This is a flat rate contract for \$511.35 which is \$35/acre. Approved by Darren 9/1/2026. Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Steve Inwards to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**6-C25-0118-21;** Fraki Dairy; Leaf Lake Township, Sections 12,13,14; is requesting cost share assistance for planting a single-species cover crop on 277 acres. This is a flat rate contract for \$6,925.00 which is \$25/acre. Approved by Darren 8/28/2026. Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Steve Inwards to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**6-C25-0118-22;** Alan Peppersack; Parkers Prairie, Woodside, Eastern, Elmo Townships, Sections 2,3,28,29,33,34,35/15/4/31; is requesting cost share assistance for planting a single-species cover crop on 300 acres. This is a flat rate contract for \$7,500.00 which is \$25/acre. Approved by Darren 8/27/2026. Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Steve Inwards to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**6-C25-0118-23;** Brent Roller; Compton Township, section 27; is requesting cost share for a pumping plant. Estimated cost is \$30,915.00 with cost share of \$11,250.00, which is the maximum allowed. Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Steve Inwards to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**6-C25-0118-24;** Matt Sweere; Bluffton Township, section 28; is requesting cost share for an ag waste pit closure. Estimated cost is \$24,000.00 with cost share of \$15,000.00, which is the maximum allowed. Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Steve Inwards to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**6-C25-0118-25;** Wehking Farms; Parkers Prairie, Eastern Townships, sections 13,25,26,34; is requesting cost share assistance for planting a single-species cover crop on 295 acres. This is a flat rate contract for \$7,375.00 which is \$25/acre. Approved by Darren 8/28/2026. Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Steve Inwards to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**6-C25-0118-26;** Daryll Huwe; Blowers Township, section 25; is requesting cost share assistance for planting a single-species cover crop on 21 acres. This is a flat rate contract for \$525.00 which is \$25/acre. Approved by Anne 8/31/2026. Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Wayne Enger to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

### [LONG PRAIRIE WBIF C27-0133](#)

**6-C27-0133-01;** Scott Korkowski; Parkers Prairie Township, section 31; is requesting cost share assistance for an ag waste pit closure. Estimated cost for the project is \$11,040.00, with cost share of \$8,280.00 or 75%, whichever is less. Contingent upon approval at the Long Prairie Steering Committee meeting. Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Wayne Enger to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.



## BLUFF & OAK CREEK P22-3257

**P22-3257-08;** Bryce Blickestaff; Homestead, Newton Townships, sections 34,3,9; is requesting cost share assistance for a no-till practice on 320 acres. This is a flat rate contract for \$10,240.00 which is \$32/acre. Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Steve Inwards to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**P22-3257-09;** Bryce Blickestaff; Homestead, Newton Townships, sections 34,3,9; is requesting cost share assistance for planting a single-species cover crop on 320 acres. This is a flat rate contract for \$8,000.00 which is \$25/acre. Approved by Darren 8/27/2026. Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Steve Inwards to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

## CONSERVATION CONTRACTS P26-0354

**P26-0354-02;** Ryan Peppersack; Parkers Prairie Township, sections 19,20,21; is requesting cost share assistance for planting a single-species cover crop on 106 acres. This is a flat rate contract for \$2,650.00 which is \$25/acre. Approved by Darren 8/27/2026. Motion made by Steve Inwards, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**District Manager's Report:** Read by Darren Newville.

**NRCS Conservationist Report:** Read by Troy Baumgart.

### **County Commissioner's Report:**

- Levy 5% - Budget request was all good.
- The work on Hwy 8 is nearing completion.
- A community garden is of current interest.
- A meeting was held at the Perham City office to discuss whether to allow residents to raise chickens in the city limits. This was tabled for the next meeting.
- There will be an EMS meeting in Pelican Rapids on October 12, 2026.
- Will be heading to D.C. to represent Otter Tail County on road issues.

**Other Agency Reports:** none present

## OLD BUSINESS

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**TSA Update:** Nothing to report

**Shared Extension Educator position:** Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Steve Inwards to approve continue contributing 25% toward this position. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**2027 Health Insurance Renewal:** Motion made by Steve Inwards, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve the health insurance renewal. Opposed: none, motion carried.

## NEW BUSINESS

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**Convention:** Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Steve Inwards to approve those attending the Annual Convention for registration and hotel accommodations. Opposed: none, motion carried.



**Essex Contract:** Motion made by Steve Inwards, second by Wayne Enger to approve renewing the Essex contract for another year. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**Public Comments:** AI is being used more and more. We need to create AI policies. Next board meeting we will have samples of chairs. The chairs in the conference room need replacing.

**Adjourn:** Adjourned at 9:14 a.m.