



MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 16, 2022, BOARD MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Lyle Dittmann at 7:31 a.m.

Members Present: Chairperson: Lyle Dittmann
Vice Chairperson: Steve Inwards
Secretary: Terry Greenwaldt
Public Relations: Wayne Enger
New Member: Bruce Albright

Others Present: County Commissioner: Dan Bucholz
OTC Land & Resource: Chris LeClair
Houston Engineering: Ted Rud (via Microsoft Teams)
NRCS District Conservationist: Troy Baumgart
District Manager: Darren Newville
Assistant District Manager: Anne Oldakowski
Administrative Assistant: Chantal Tougas
Watershed Coordinator: Don Bajumpaa

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

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

Treasurer's Report: Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, seconded by Wayne Enger, to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented, subject to audit. Opposed: none, motion carried.

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

RED EYE IWIP IMPLEMENTATION GRANT

C21-3238-18; Larry Knickerehm; Butler Township, Section 8, is requesting approval for a final payment for a Pit Closure. The total cost of the project was \$ 8,500.00 with a cost share payment of \$ 6,375.00 which was the authorized amount. Motion made by Steve Inwards, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

COVER CROP

CC7; Matt Kunza; Edna/Dead Lake Township, is requesting approval for a final payment for Cover Crop practice. Total amount authorized was \$13,500.00, previous payments of \$9,000.00, with final flat rate payment of



\$4,500.00. Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Wayne Enger to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

COST SHARE

2021-05; LuAnn Carow; Gorman Township, Section 27, is requesting approval for a final payment for a Well Sealing. The total cost of the project was \$2,800.00 with the cost share payment of \$300.00 which is the maximum allowable. Motion made by Steve Inwards, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

2022-05; Jerry Guck; Otto, Section 26 is requesting approval for final payment for a well sealing. The total cost was \$ 900.00, with a cost share payment of \$450.00 or 50% whichever is less. Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

2022-06; Don Honer; Edna, Section 34 is requesting approval for final payment for a well sealing. The total cost was \$ 800.00, with a cost share payment of \$400.00 or 50% whichever is less. Motion made by Steve Inwards, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

CC15; Austin Hovius; Thomastown; is requesting a partial second year payment contract for Cover Crop practices. This was a three-year contract with the final payment of \$ 4,331.25. Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

PRIORITY LAKES

PL12/LP; Dan Knight; Gorman, Section 25 is requesting cost share assistance for a Shoreline project. The total cost estimate is \$14,804.59 with cost sharing of \$ 11,103.45 or 75% whichever is less. Motion made by Steve Inwards, second by Wayne Enger to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

District Manager's Report: Presented by Darren Newville.

District Conservationist's Report: Finished up EQIP & CSP payments over the last month. Mitch has completed his role as acting District Conservationist in Hallock.

County Commissioner's Report:

- The road report has been completed up to 2028, however, there are fewer contractors to complete the work.
- The State does not want to release funds to the County for road work.
- The proposed Gravel Tax didn't make it very far.
- Quite a few meetings coming up. The meeting next Monday will be on Cannabis. The county is considering a moratorium. Charging for a permit is in question also.

8:23 Troy left the meeting

Other Agency Reports: OTC Land & Resource Chris LeClair attended the Water Conference in Springfield, MO.



Old Business

Water Plan/Watershed Plan update:

OT Watershed – Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Steve Inwards to approve submitting the plan to BWSR. Opposed: none, motion carried. Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Steve Inwards to approve the Implementation MOA. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Long Prairie Watershed – Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Wayne Enger to approve submitting the plan to BWSR. Opposed: none, motion carried. Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve the Implementation MOA. Opposed: none, motion carried. Motion made by Bruce Albright, second by Wayne Enger to appoint Steve Inwards to the Policy committee, with, Terry Greenwaldt as the alternate. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Motion made by Steve Inwards, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve Darren to sign the MPCA 319 Grant Agreement when it arrives. Opposed: none, motion carried.

TSA Update: Motion made by Steve Inwards, second by Wayne Enger to approve the Joint Powers Agreement Amendment. Opposed: none, motion carried.

New Business

Meetings/Trainings: Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Steve Inwards to approve those wishing to attend the Soil Management Summit. \$160 registration + hotel. Opposed: none, motion carried. Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Wayne Enger to approve up to 5 producers to attend the Soil Management Summit. Opposed: none, motion carried. Motion made by Steve Inwards, second by Wayne Enger to approve those wishing to attend the Soil Health conference in Fargo, \$200 registration fee + hotel. Opposed: none, motion carried. Motion made by Steve Inwards, second by Wayne Enger to approve those wishing to attend the NACD meeting, hotel expenses will apply. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Otter Tail River Dam Modification Bid Opening: We received 5 bids for the bid opening. Hough, Inc. was the lowest bidder on all three bid packs (Base Bid, Alternate 1, and Alternate 2). The MN DNR is working on securing funds to cover the costs of all the projects. Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Terry Greenwaldt to accept the base bid from Hough, Inc., and if additional funding are secured to cover the costs of the Alternate 1 & 2 bids through a contract amendment with the DNR to award those also. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Health Insurance: Employee Health Insurance options for 2023 were provided and discussed. Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Steve Inwards to approve the Gold \$2500 Insurance Plan for staff. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Public Comments: none

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 8:57 a.m.