



MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 17, 2022, BOARD MEETING

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

Members Present:

Chairperson: Lyle Dittmann
Vice Chairperson: Steve Inwards
Secretary: Terry Greenwaldt
Public Relations: Wayne Enger

Others Present:

County Commissioner: Dan Bucholz
NRCS District Conservationist: Troy Baumgart
Wadena SWCD Liaison: Nancy Benson
District Manager: Darren Newville
Ass't District Manager: Anne Oldakowski
Administrative Secretary: Chantal Tougas
Watershed Coordinator: Don Bajumpaa
Irrigation/Nutrient Mgmt Specialist: Nathan Wiese

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

Approve Board Meeting Minutes: Motion made by Wayne Enger, seconded by Terry Greenwaldt 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 Terry Greenwaldt, seconded by Wayne Enger, to approve the Bills Paid and Bills Payable as presented. Opposed: none, motion carried.

COST SHARE

Motion made by Wayne Enger, seconded by Terry Greenwaldt to allow cost-share assists in conjunction with NRCS RCPP IPPGW for 75% cost share up to \$15,000 maximum for pivot upgrades to variable rate technology. Opposed: none, motion carried.

RED EYE IWIP IMPLEMENTATION GRANT

C21-3238-15; Berry, Nathan; Authorization to encumber funds for a forest stewardship plan, with total cost of \$1,960.00, cost share payment not to exceed \$1,470.00 or 75%, whichever is less in Blowers Township, sections 33, 34. Motion made by Steve Inwards, seconded by Terry Greenwaldt to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.



C21-3238-16; Steven Steinbach; Homestead Township, is requesting cost share assistance for his Cover Crop practice. The estimated cost of the project is \$600.00, with cost sharing of a flat rate of \$450.00. Motion made by Wayne Enger, seconded by Terry Greenwaldt to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

IRRIGATION TECH GRANT

C21-9235-02; Huebsch Family Farm; Section 30, Pine Lake Township, is requesting permission to terminate their contract for the installation a Soil Moisture Sensor using the Cover Crop Grant. The estimated cost of the project was \$ 3,333.33 with cost sharing of \$ 2,500.00. Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, seconded by Steve Inwards to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

C21-9235-13; Hintzman, Bonnie; Section 28, Butler Township, is requesting approval for a final payment for her Soil Moisture Sensor, with total cost of \$3,250.00 and the cost share payment not to exceed \$2,437.50 or 75%, whichever is less. Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, seconded by Wayne Enger to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

C21-9235-17; Farm Boys, LLC; Eastern Township, Section 28, are requesting approval for a partial payment for their CropX Probe Lease & Subscription, with total cost of \$3,000.00 and the cost share payment not to exceed \$2,250.00 or 75%, whichever is less. Motion made by Wayne Enger, seconded by Steve Inwards to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

STATE COST SHARE

2022-03; Lueschen, Angie; Dead Lake, Section16 is requesting approval for a final cost share payment for her shoreline restoration project. The total cost of the project was \$ 3,489.47.00, with cost sharing of \$2,617.10 which is 75%. Motion made by Steve Inwards, seconded by Wayne Enger to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

2022-04; Brandstaetter, Karl; Ottertail, Section 3 is requesting cost share assistance for a well sealing. The estimated project cost is \$400.00, with cost sharing of \$200.00 or 50% whichever is less. Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, seconded by Steve Inwards to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

COVER CROP

CC4; Huwe, Greg; Butler Township, is requesting approval for a final payment for his Cover Crop practice. Total amount authorized was \$10,125.00, previous payments of \$6,750.00, with final flat rate payment of \$3,375.00. Motion made by Steve Inwards, seconded by Wayne Enger to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

CC9; Dykhoff, Henry; Bluffton Township, is requesting approval for a final payment for his Cover Crop practice. Total amount authorized was \$1,518.75, previous payments of \$1,012.50, with final flat rate payment of \$506.25. Motion made by Wayne Enger, seconded by Steve Inwards to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

CC12; Neal Farms LP; Aldrich Township, is requesting approval for a final payment for their 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, seconded by Wayne Enger to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.



District Manager's Report: Written and presented by Darren Newville, see attached.

District Conservationist's Report: Written and presented by Troy Baumgart, see attached.

7:53 a.m. – Nathan Wiese left the meeting.

County Commissioner's Report: Presented by Dan Bucholz.

- There have been a lot of ditch meetings happening as it's expensive to clean out ditches.
- Attended lake association meetings. Discussed fish limits, fancy equipment being used, and guides. Guides are not being charged and there are no regulations for guides.
- Devils lake: concern regarding the pump there.
- Childcare within the county: there are 120 children with no childcare. Staffing is an issue; the county has a facility and equipment/furnishings.

Other Agency Reports: none

8:42 a.m. Dan Bucholz left the meeting.

Old Business

Water Plan/Watershed Plan update: Discussed the Long Prairie Watershed Plan. Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, seconded by Wayne Enger to approve the Long Prairie one watershed one plan submittal. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Department of Ag update: Perham wellhead discussed. Will generate some additional workload for staff.

TSA Update: North group met yesterday. New engineering tech is hired and housed in Fergus Falls.

New Business

Esser: The maintenance plan will be \$676.00. Motion made by Steve Inwards, seconded by Terry Greenwaldt to approve renewing the Esser maintenance plan. Opposed: none, motion carried.

MASWCD Awards: Teacher: Doug Salo, the rest will be left up to staff to decide.

Meetings and Trainings:

- BWSR Academy is October 25-27 in Brainerd; Motion made by Steve Inwards, seconded by Wayne Enger to approve staff attending. Opposed: none, motion carried.
- City Budget meeting is August 31, at 3:30 pm

Public Comments: none

Adjourn: Motion made to adjourn by Wayne Enger, seconded by Steve Inwards. Opposed: none, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:01 a.m.