



MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 18, 2023, 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 (via Teams)*
New Member: Bruce Albright

Others Present: County Commissioner: Dan Bucholz
NRCS Team Lead: Bob Guetter
NRCS District Conservationist: Troy Baumgart
District Manager: Darren Newville
Assistant District Manager: Anne Oldakowski
Administrative Assistant: Chantal Tougas
Irrigation/NM Specialist: Nathan Wiese
Water Planner: Don Bajumpaa

**Wayne Enger abstained from voting at this meeting as he was not present in person.*

Oath of Office: Lyle and Wayne read aloud.

Reorganization: Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Steve Inwards to continue with current organization of board appointments and adding Bruce Albright as our treasurer. Opposed: none, motion carried. Motion made by Bruce Albright, second by Steve Inwards to keep the current committee appointments, except replacing Dennis Reynolds positions with Bruce, Albright. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Agenda: Motion made by Steve Inwards, second by Terry Greenwaldt to adopt the agenda with the addition of Rental Price discussion. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Approve Board Meeting Minutes: Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Bruce Albright to approve the Board Meeting Minutes as presented. Opposed: none, motion carried.

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

Bills Paid & Bills Payable: Motion made by Steve Inwards, second by Terry Greenwaldt, to approve the Bills Paid and Bills Payable as presented. Opposed: none, motion carried. Motion made by Steve Inwards, second by Terry Greenwaldt, to approve the yearly dues as presented. Opposed: none, motion carried.



RED EYE IWIP IMPLEMENTATION GRANT

C21-3238-20; Stephen Lutes; Leaf Lake Township, section 27; is requesting approval of cost share assistance contract for his tree planting practice. The total estimated cost of the project is \$ 3,950.00 with cost sharing of \$ 2,962.50 or 75% whichever is less. Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Steve Inwards to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

District Manager's Report: Presented by Darren Newville.

NACD: Nathan attended the NACD meeting in Bloomington, MN. Nathan gave a verbal report on the meeting to the board.

District Conservationist's Report: Written and read by Troy Baumgart

County Commissioner's Report:

- Roughly \$5 million is being spent on waste.
- 3 bridges in Bluffton being worked on.
- Public Hearings coming soon on 4 ditches of concern.

Other Agency Reports: none

Old Business

Water Plan/Watershed Plan update: Motion made by Bruce Albright, second by Terry Greenwaldt to adopt the resolution to adopt the Otter Tail Watershed Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan contingent upon BWSR Approval. Opposed: none, motion carried.

TSA Update: The TSA 1 no longer has staff as of December 31, 2022. SWCDs are working through agreements for services for engineering staff. Members of the group (districts) are happy with the results.

New Business

9:15 a.m. Don left the meeting.

Meetings/Trainings: Motion made by Steve Inwards, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve staff and supervisors to attend the following meetings. Opposed: none, motion carried.

- CMI Meeting – Jan 19th CLC Staples
- MASWCD Legislative Webinar Jan. 25th 10:30 to noon.
- Nitrogen Smart College – Jan 31, Feb. 1 Willmar – Hotel Costs
- IAM Meeting – February 16th - Freeport
- Irrigation and Nutrient Management Clinic – March 2nd
- Legislative Days – March 7th & 8th

Mileage Rate: Federal mileage rate has increased to .655 from .625 for 2023.



Per Diem: Per diem for 2023 is currently at \$125.00.

Official Newspaper: Motion made by Steve Inwards, seconded by Terry Greenwaldt to keep the Perham Focus as the official District newspaper. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Official Financial Institution: Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, seconded by Steve Inwards to keep Bremer Bank as the official District financial institution. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Peterson engagement letter: Motion made by Bruce Albright, seconded by Steve Inwards to retain Peterson Company Ltd for year-end audit. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Pricing of Service: Tanner presented his new pricing for services to the board. Discussion was also held regarding Irrigation Scheduler pricing. Motion made by Bruce Albright, second by Steve Inwards to increase the price of Irrigation Scheduler to \$250/field for single field and \$225/field for multiple fields. Pricing effective 1/1/2023. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Public Comments: none

Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.