



## MINUTES FROM JANUARY 21, 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  
Treasurer: Bruce Albright  
Secretary: Terry Greenwaldt  
Public Relations: Wayne Enger, via Teams

**Others Present:** County Commissioner: Dan Bucholz  
NRCS Team Lead: Bob Guetter  
NRCS District Conservationist: Troy Baumgart  
District Manager: Darren Newville  
Ass't District Manager: Anne Oldakowski  
Administrative Assistant: Chantal Tougas

**Board of Supervisors, Committee Appointments, and 2026 Meeting Schedule:** Motion made by Steve Inwards, second by Bruce Albright to approve keeping the board and committee positions where they are and approving the 2026 meeting schedule as presented. A vote was held, by roll call, and all members voted in favor of the motion. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**Agenda:** Motion made by Bruce Albright, second by Steve Inwards to adopt the agenda with the following addition 17a Peterson engagement letter and 8 Cost share policy review. A vote was held, by roll call, and all members voted in favor of the motion. 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. A vote was held, by roll call, and all members voted in favor of the motion. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Bruce Albright to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented, subject to audit. A vote was held, by roll call, and all members voted in favor of the motion. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**Bills Paid & Bills Payable:** Motion made by Bruce Albright, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve the Bills Paid and Bills Payable as presented. A vote was held, by roll call, and all members voted in favor of the motion. Opposed: none, motion carried.



## COST SHARE

### RED EYE WBIF

**6-C22-7830-10;** Dave Thielen; Blowers township, section 19; is requesting his final payment for his forest stewardship plan. The final cost was \$1,800.00 with cost share of \$457.50 or 25% whichever is less. Motion made by Bruce Albright, second by Wayne Enger to approve. A vote was held, by roll call, and all members voted in favor of the motion. Opposed: none, motion carried.

### SOIL HEALTH PRACTICES P26-0039

**56A-1-06;** Huebsch Farms Inc; Otto/Pine townships, sections 5,8/5,31; is requesting final payment for a 1-year single-species cover crop practice on 320 acres. The flat-rate cost share is \$8,000.00, which is \$25/acre. Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Steve Inwards to approve. A vote was held, by roll call, and all members voted in favor of the motion. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**Cost Share Policy Updates**– Darren reviewed the staff recommend Cost-Share Policy and payment rate changes with the board. After discussion - Motion made by Bruce Albright, second by Steve Inwards to approve the Cost Share changes recommended by the staff. A vote was held, by roll call, and all members voted in favor of the motion. Opposed: none, motion carried.

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

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

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

- Liz Mickelson replaced Wayne Stein as the County Auditor/Treasurer.
- Dead Lake Association is working with the DNR & OTC Highway Engineering on the Dead Lake River outlet dam to modify it to allow fish passage. This river is also a county ditch.
- EMS settled a 2-year agreement
- Upcoming meeting in Hobart Township regarding the bike trail going through the township
- West Central Initiative is asking for additional funding from the county
- 3,461 people come to work in Perham every day, 908 people go out of Perham for work
- The Otter Express is looking for drivers

**Other Agency Reports:** none

#### **Old Business**

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**TSA Update:** nothing to report

#### **New Business**

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**EOT/Wadena Agreement for Services:** Motion made by Steve Inwards, second by Terry Greenwaldt to continue the Agreement with Wadena SWCD. A vote was held, by roll call, and all members voted in favor of the motion. Opposed: none, motion carried.



**Budget Update:** Motion made by Steve Inwards, second by Bruce Albright to approve the updated 2026 budget. A vote was held, by roll call, and all members voted in favor of the motion. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**Meeting:** Motion made by Steve Inwards, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve those attending the IAM Convention: A vote was held, by roll call, and all members voted in favor of the motion. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**Mileage Rate:** Federal mileage rate has increased from \$0.70/mile to \$0.725/mile for 2026.

**Peterson Engagement Letter:** Motion made by Bruce Albright, second by Terry Greenwaldt to retain Peterson Company Ltd for the year-end audit. A vote was held, by roll call, and all members voted in favor of the motion. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**Per Diem:** Per diem for 2025 is currently \$125.00. Motion made by Bruce Albright, second by Wayne Enger to keep the rate the same. A vote was held, by roll call, and all members voted in favor of the motion. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**Official Newspaper:** Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Bruce Albright to use The Perham Focus as the official District newspaper, following what the County does. A vote was held, by roll call, and all members voted in favor of the motion. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**Official Financial Institution:** Motion made by Steve Inwards, second by Terry Greenwaldt to keep Old National Bank as the official District financial institution. A vote was held, by roll call, and all members voted in favor of the motion. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**Public Comments:** none.

**Adjourn:** Motion made by Steve Inwards, second by Terry Greenwaldt to adjourn at 8:51 a.m. A vote was held, by roll call, and all members voted in favor of the motion. Opposed: none, motion carried.