



MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 15, 2023, BOARD MEETING

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

Members Present: Chairperson: Lyle Dittmann
Secretary: Terry Greenwaldt
Public Relations: Wayne Enger (via phone)*
Treasurer: Bruce Albright

Others Present: County Commissioner: Dan Bucholz
NRCS District Conservationist: Troy Baumgart
BWSR Board Conservationist: Pete Waller
District Manager: Darren Newville
Assistant District Manager: Anne Oldakowski (via Teams)
Admin, Education & Outreach Assistant: Kristi Rorah
Water Planner: Don Bajumpaa

Members Absent: Vice Chairperson: Steve Inwards

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

Agenda: Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Bruce Albright, to adopt the agenda. 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 Terry Greenwaldt, seconded by Bruce Albright, to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented, subject to audit. 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. Opposed: none, motion carried.

LCCMR GRANT

P23-2944-01; Brad Smith; Eastern and Woodside Townships, sections 1,2,35,36; Bertha and Wykeham Townships, sections 31,6; is requesting approval of a cost share assistance contract for his forest stewardship plan. The total estimated cost of the project is \$4,669 with cost sharing of \$3,501.75 or 75% whichever is less. (consultant written plan) Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, seconded by Bruce Albright, to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.



RED EYE IWIP IMPLEMENTATION GRANT

C21-3238-21; Randy Curtis; Newton Township, section 1; is requesting approval of a cost share assistance contract for his 34 acre cover crop practice. The total estimated cost of the project is \$906.66 with cost sharing of \$680.00 or \$20/acre. Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Bruce Albright to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

District Manager's Report: Presented by Darren Newville.

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

- 12 CSP applications
- SWCD staff assisting with CRP workload
- EQIP rankings completed
- 11 RCPP applications ranked and submitted

County Commissioner's Report: Presented by Dan Bucholz

- Discussed Hwy 10/Co Hwy 60 intersection reconfiguration plan
- County highway department in the red financially
- Commissioners will be meeting with legislators
- Discussed management of drainage ditches

BWSR Report: Pete Waller presented report on BWSR legislative resources.

Old Business

Water Plan/Watershed Plan update:

- Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Bruce Albright, to approve the comprehensive water plan resolution. Opposed: none, motion carried.
- Motion made by Bruce Albright, second by Terry Greenwaldt, to approve update to Long Prairie watershed agreement. Opposed: none, motion carried.
- Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Bruce Albright, to approve the District Manager to sign the Otter Tail watershed WBIF grant agreement. Opposed: none, motion carried.

TSA Update: none

New Business

Meetings/Trainings:

- Darren, Tanner, and Lyle will be meeting with Sen. Rasmussen and Rep. Murphy for legislative days.
- Motion made by Bruce Albright, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve staff and supervisors to attend the carbon sequestration meeting on March 3, 2023 in Walker. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Public Comments: none

Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 a.m.