



MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 17, 2021 BOARD MEETING

Pursuant to MN Statutes 13D.021 the regular monthly board meeting of the East Otter Tail Soil and Water Conservation District was held on Wednesday, March 17, 2021 at 7:30 a.m. via Zoom or Teleconference due to the Public Health Pandemic Emergency declared under Chapter 12 by the Governor. A notice of the meeting was posted on the door of the SWCD Office Location (801 Jenny Ave SW, #2) explaining how the public was able to participate in the meeting. The meeting followed all the requirements for an electronic meeting as spelled out in MN Statutes 13D.021 Subdivision 1, 1-4.

*The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairperson Steve Inwards at 7:31 a.m.
Reviewed the Public Health Emergency Remote Public Meeting Guidance.*

Members Present:

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

Others Present:

County Commissioner: Dan Bucholz
Soil Conservationist: Bob Guetter
District Manager: Darren Newville
Asst Mgr: Anne Oldakowski (Zoom)
Administrative Secretary: Chantal Tougas
Nutr Mgmt Specialist: Nathan Wiese (Zoom)
Wadena Liaison: Nancy Benson

Agenda: Motion made by Wayne Enger, seconded by Terry Greenwaldt to adopt the Agenda as presented.
Opposed: None, motion carried.

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

Cost Share: None



7:37 a.m. Chair Lyle Dittmann entered and took over the meeting.

District Manager's Report: Report written and read by Darren Neville.

District Conservationist's Report: Report written and read by Bob Guetter.

County Commissioner Report:

- The speed limit has been lowered to 30 in Vergas by the new trail.
- Ottetail, Wadena & Todd county Ag Bags. Pontoon and boat wraps can now be recycled as well. No netting, straight plastic and must be clean. Quite a bit of plastic is being recycled.
- Vaccine availability not consistent.
- Land and Resource has a new Shoreland Management Ordinance and Commissioners are going through it page by page.

8:33 a.m. Commissioner Bucholz left the meeting.

Old Business

Water Planning: Motion made by Wayne Enger, seconded by Terry Greenwaldt to approve the Red Eye Watershed Implementation Grant Agreement. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Department of Ag Update: RFP open for technical assistance for Wellhead problem areas. There is the potential for more funding.

TSA Update: The March 31, 2021 meeting will focus on engineering.

New Business

Meetings: Legislative Days is March 18, 2021 and will be virtual. Those attending will be meeting in the conference room here at 801 Jenny Ave SW • Perham, MN.

IMA Tool – Motion made by Steve Inwards, seconded by Wayne Enger to support this. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Public Comments: None

Adjourn: 9:00 a.m. Motion made by Steve Inwards, seconded by Wayne Enger to adjourn. Opposed: none, motion carried.