



## MINUTES FROM MARCH 19, 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  
Treasurer: Bruce Albright  
Secretary: Terry Greenwaldt  
Public Relations: Wayne Enger (*via Teams*)

**Others Present:** County Commissioner: Dan Bucholz  
NRCS District Conservationist: Troy Baumgart  
District Manager: Darren Newville  
Administrative Assistant: Chantal Tougas  
Riparian Conservation Planner: Pete Guck  
Mystery Guest: Michael (*via Teams*)

**Members Absent:** Vice Chair: Steve Inwards

**Agenda:** Motion made by Bruce Albright, second by Terry Greenwaldt to adopt the agenda with the following additions under 13a. JAA approval for Alyson & Savanna. 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 Terry Greenwaldt, second by Bruce Albright 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 Bruce Albright, second by Terry Greenwaldt 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.

Motion made by Bruce Albright, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve the following CD changes: CD ending in 2080 will be reinvested for 4 months and CD ending in 8767 will be cashed out and deposited in the savings account. 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 Wayne Enger 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

#### OTTER TAIL WBIF

**6-C23-4546-40;** Rick Benke; Dora, Edna Townships, Section 22; is requesting cost share assistance for advanced IWM, soil moisture sensor. The estimated cost of the project is \$3,800.00 with cost share of \$2,850.00 or 75%



whichever is less. Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Bruce Albright to approve. A vote was held, by roll call, and all members voted in favor of the motion. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**6-C23-4546-41;** Kenny Moenkedick; Perham Township, Sections 7, 21; is requesting cost share assistance for advanced IWM, soil moisture sensor. The estimated cost of the project is \$3,520.00 with cost share of \$2,640.00 or 75% 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.

**6-C25-0116-22;** United Sportsmen Club; Dead Lake Township, Section 23; is requesting cost share assistance for a renewal forest stewardship plan for 120 acres. Estimated cost is \$870.00 with cost share of \$217.50 or 25% whichever is less. Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Bruce Albright 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-1-08;** Meyer Becker Farms; Homestead, Pine Lake, Butler, Bluffton Townships, Sections 6, 7, 19, 1, 11, 19; is requesting an amendment to their cost share contract for a 1-year multi-species cover crop practice on 81.09 acres. The amendment is to change/add Todd Becker as Land Occupier/Landowner. 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.

**56A-1-20;** Ryan Peppersack; Parkers Prairie Township, Sections 6, 9; is requesting cost share assistance for strip till on 73.01 acres. The flat rate payment is \$2,336.32, which is \$32.00/acre. Motion made by Bruce Albright, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve. A vote was held, by roll call, and all members voted in favor of the motion. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**56A-1-21;** Alan Peppersack; Parkers Prairie, Elmo Townships, Sections 33, 31; is requesting cost share assistance for strip till on 130 acres. The flat rate payment is \$4,160.00, which is \$32.00/acre. Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, 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.

**56A-1-24;** Todd Becker; Bluffton, Pine Lake, Newton Townships, Sections 19, 32 1, 2, 10, 11; is requesting cost share assistance for multi-species cover crop on 318.18 acres. The flat rate payment is \$11,158.00, which is \$35.00/acre. Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Bruce Albright to approve. 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:***

- Arsenic removal at the fairgrounds will be underway soon.
- WOT Township Supervisors meeting tonight.
- AMC Leadership meeting in the Twin Cities next month.
- There is quite a bit of information in the 2026 Transportation plan



The shoreland ordinance was discussed. Pete Guck specifically discussed aeration as well as the calls we are receiving regarding ice dams.

**Other Agency Reports:** None present

*OLD BUSINESS*

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**TSA Update:** The budget has been approved. The engineer and technician appear to be happy. The engineer stated that rip rap is not a solution for ice damage.

*NEW BUSINESS*

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**Meetings:** Nothing coming up that need's approval currently.

**Envirothon Donation:** Motion made by Bruce Albright, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve a donation of \$750.00 for Envirothon. A vote was held, by roll call, and all members voted in favor of the motion. Opposed: none, motion carried. Lyle indicated he would bring donuts to the next meeting!

**JAA Approval:** Motion made by Bruce Albright, second by Wayne Enger to approve JAA for Savanna and Alyson as recommended by NRCS. A vote was held, by roll call, and all members voted in favor of the motion. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**Public Comments:** none.

**Adjourn:** Adjourned at 8:41 a.m.