



## MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 19, 2023, BOARD MEETING

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*The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Lyle Dittmann at 7:30 a.m.*

**Members Present:** Chairperson: Lyle Dittmann  
Vice Chairperson: Steve Inwards  
Secretary: Terry Greenwaldt  
Public Relations: Wayne Enger  
Treasurer: Bruce Albright

**Others Present:** County Commissioner: Dan Bucholz  
OTC Land & Resource: Chris LeClair  
NRCS District Conservationist: Troy Baumgart  
County Executive Director: Julie Welter  
Engineer: Mike Yrjo  
District Manager: Darren Newville  
Administrative Secretary: Chantal Tougas  
Irrigation/Nutrient Mgmt Specialist: Nathan Wiese  
Watershed Coordinator: Don Bajumpaa  
Ass't Shoreland Specialist: Pete Guck

**Agenda:** Motion made by Bruce Albright, second by Steve Inwards, to adopt the agenda with the addition of BOTF Donation under public comments. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**Approve Board Meeting Minutes:** Motion made by Lyle Dittmann, second by Wayne Enger, to approve the Board Meeting Minutes as presented. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Motion made by Wayne Enger, seconded by Steve Inwards, 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 Wayne Enger, to approve the Bills Paid and Bills Payable as presented. Opposed: none, motion carried.

*7:38 a.m. Nathan Wiese and Pete Guck entered the meeting.*

Three Cost Share policies were discussed at this meeting and voted on.

- Irrigation Practices – received a no vote from the board.
- Rock Rip Rap – Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Bruce Albright to approve a \$ 7,500 cap or 50%. Opposed none, motion carried.
- No Till/Strip Till – some agreement, however, would like more information. Tabled for next meeting.

Mike Yrjo gave a short presentation on the completion of the Little Pine Lake Grade Stabilization (rock riprap) Projects on Little Pine Loop that were completed in the last month. Mike showed appreciation for the actions of



the board and staff to get this project done in a very short period of time. Darren shared a short video that Kristi created for this project.

Darren shared the Little Pine Dam modification project video that Kristi created and posted on the EOT SWCD YouTube channel. The link is: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KXlety1Rh7Y>

### PRIORITY LAKE GRANT

**PL13/LP;** Linda Reinhart; Gorman Township, Section 35; is requesting a cost share payment for her shoreline restoration. The total cost of the project was \$ 18,375.00 with cost sharing of \$ 11,063.59. Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Wayne Enger to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**PL14/LP;** Janet Brown; Gorman Township, Section 35; has an amendment to her original contract. The original estimated cost was \$ 18,125.00 has increased to \$ 20,625.00. This will change the cost share amount from \$ 10,921.06 to \$ 12,421.06. Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**PL14/LP;** Janet Brown; Gorman Township, Section 35; is requesting a cost share payment for her shoreline restoration. The total cost of the project was \$ 20,625.00 with cost sharing of \$ 12,421.06. Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Wayne Enger to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**PL15/LP;** Lesa Melbostad; Gorman Township, Section 35; is requesting a cost share payment for her shoreline restoration. The total cost of the project was \$ 20,000.00 with cost sharing of \$ 12,046.06. Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**PL16/LP;** Wayne Johnson; Gorman Township, Section 35; is requesting a cost share payment for his shoreline restoration. The total cost of the project was \$ 20,625.00 with cost sharing of \$ 12,421.06. Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Wayne Enger to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**PL17/LP;** Kelly Hagel; Gorman Township, Section 35; is requesting a cost share payment for his shoreline restoration. The total cost of the project was \$ 20,750.00 with cost sharing of \$ 12,496.06. Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

### BWSR IRRIGATION RCPP

**P23-1461-01;** Steve Inwards; Parkers Prairie Township, Section 11 & 14; is requesting cost share assistance for his Sprinkler System. The total estimated cost of the project is \$ 82,300.00 with cost sharing of \$ 4,860.06. Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Wayne Enger to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried. *Please note that Steve Inwards abstained from voting.*

**P23-1461-02;** Ronald Palubicki; Leaf Lake & Ottertail Township, Section 8 & 34; is requesting cost share assistance for his Advanced Pumping Plant. The total estimated cost of the project is \$ 36,100.00 with cost sharing of \$ 10,294.64. Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Wayne Enger to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

### COST SHARE

**P21-2734-01;** William McKinney; Dead Lake Township, Section 12; is requesting cost share assistance for his Shoreline Protection. The total estimated cost of the project is \$ 21,516.03 with cost sharing of \$ 16,137.02.



Funding for this project will come from 3 different pots of money. Motion made by Bruce Albright, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

### COVER CROP DEMO GRANT

**C20-8413-20**; Ronald Sakry; Deer Creek Township, Section 15; is requesting cost share assistance for his Cover Crop Demo Plot. The cost share amount is \$ 3,500.00. Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Steve Inward to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

### DNR Dam MODIFICATION PROJECT

Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Steve Inwards to approve payment of the OT Dam Modification project on Little Pine for \$ 221,848.75. Opposed, none: motion carried. This is a reimbursable expense, and we will be billing the DNR & USFWS.

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

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

- CRP – April 7, 2023, end date.
- CSP –7 applications have been received.
- EQIP – \$ 8 million available, \$5 million set aside for Wildlife
- New employee starting May 21, Lawrence.

**County Commissioner's Report:** Presented by Dan Bucholz

- A meeting is scheduled on Friday with the County, SWCD, and the U of M regarding the Horticulture position.
- There is a new extension educator starting in May.
- County Road 8 should be starting soon.
- County Road 51 is not open for bid yet.
- June 19, 2023 the County will be holding a meeting (open to the public) in Perham at the City Hall. 7 p.m. time is tentative.

**Other Agency Report:**

OTC Land & Resource – Tuesday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m. there is a Public Hearing on the Septic Ordinance.

FSA – Julie Welter

- CRP – 78 Expiring Contracts, enrolled 51.
- Emergency Grain Storage – Financial Assistance or Cost Share available to establish grain storage bins. 85 applications so far. Funding for \$ 20 million, which was gone in the first hour.

9:16 a.m. Chris LeClair left the meeting.

9:22 a.m. Julie Welter and Troy Baumgart left the meeting.

### **Old Business**

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**TSA Update:** Discussed the amendment to the joint powers agreement and new bylaws. There is concern about needing a unanimous vote for changes to the agreement. The Mahnomens SWCD has voted it will not approve the JPA without the unanimous vote for changes. Tabled to the next meeting.

9:29 a.m. Mike Yrjo and Pete Guck left the meeting.

### ***New Business***

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**Meetings/Trainings:** None to approve at this time.

**MN SWCD Forestry Association:** Motion made by Bruce Albright, second by Wayne Enger to approve the request/invitation of membership. The Membership fee is \$60. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**Long Prairie 1W1P WBIF Contract:** Motion made by Steve Inwards, second by Bruce Albright to sign the agreement. Opposed: none, motion carried.

9:45 a.m. Nathan Wiese left the meeting.

**Shared Position:** EOT Extension Educator. This position would go to Wadena SWCD as well. We need to decide what we would expect from this new hire if we were to participate in the funding of the position. This was for discussion only, no vote needed at this time. Meeting schedule with County and other partners on Friday to discuss further.

**Fair Booth:** Motion made by Steve Inwards, second by Wayne Enger to sponsor the DNR animal building as well as setting up a booth. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**Parking Lot/Sidewalks:** After reviewing bids a motion was made to accept the quote from Pettow Construction to replace the sidewalks before replacing the parking lot this spring by Steve Inwards, second by Bruce Albright. Opposed, none: motion carried.

**BOTF Donation:** Motion made by Steve Inwards, second by Wayne Enger to donate \$600 to BOTF (Breakfast on the Farm). Opposed: none, motion carried.

**Public Comments:** none

**Adjourn:** Meeting was adjourned at 10:04 a.m.