



## MINUTES FROM APRIL 15, 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 District Conservationist: Troy Baumgart  
District Manager: Darren Newville  
Administrative Assistant: Chantal Tougas  
Wadena Liaison: Bruce Juntunen

**Agenda:** Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Terry Greenwaldt to adopt the agenda to approve with the following additions under 6a. OT WBIF Agreement. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**Board Meeting Minutes:** Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Wayne Enger, to approve the previous Board Meeting Minutes as presented. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Motion made by Bruce Albright, second 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 Bruce Albright, second by Steve Inwards to approve the Bills Paid and Bills Payable as presented, including the late additions for Becker SWCD and PRWD. Opposed: none, motion carried.

### COST SHARE

Discussion was held regarding our current Irrigation Pump Cost-Share Policy. Motion made by Steve Inwards, second by Terry Greenwaldt to change the current policy to reflect a 2 pump, per producer, per year maximum with a \$10,000 maximum/pump. Opposed: none, motion carried.

### OTTER TAIL WBIF

**6-C23-4546-42;** Schultz Farm; Otto Township, Section 3; is requesting cost share assistance for Pumping Station. The estimated cost of the project is \$24,457.82 with cost share of \$18,343.37 or 75% whichever is less. Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**6-C25-0116-23;** Double D Farms; Gorman Township, Sections 8 & 10; is requesting cost share assistance for a Fertigation Pump. The estimated cost of the project is \$5,250.00 with cost share of \$3,937.50 or 75% whichever is less. Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Wayne Enger to approve. Oppose: none, motion carried.



## SOIL HEALTH PRACTICES P26-0039

**56A-1-25;** Baardsen Farms; Homestead, Rush & Dead Lake Townships, Sections 17, 30, 15, 22; is requesting cost share assistance for No Till on 141.62 acres. The flat rate payment is \$4,531.84, which is \$32.00/acre. Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Bruce Albright to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**56A-1-26;** Austin Baardsen; Edna & Corliss Township, Sections 6, 18; is requesting cost share assistance for No Till on 27.71 acres. The flat rate payment is \$886.72, which is \$32.00/acre. Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Steve Inwards to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**56A-1-23;** Rick Benke; Dora & Edna Township, Sections 41, 40; is requesting cost share assistance for Multi Species Cover Crops on 245.03 acres. The flat rate payment is \$8,576.05, which is \$35.00/acre. Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Steve Inwards to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**56A-1-27;** Forrest Briard; Perham & Gorman Township, Sections 11, 32, 16; is requesting cost share assistance for Single Species Cover Crops on 320 acres. The flat rate payment is \$8,000.00, which is \$25.00/acre. Motion made by Bruce Albright, second by Wayne Enger to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**56A-1-28;** CT Farms; Oak Valley, Elmo, & Woodside Township, Sections 32, 18, 26, 25, 13; is requesting cost share assistance for Single Species Cover Crops on 320 acres. The flat rate payment is \$8,000.00, which is \$25.00/acre. Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Steve Inwards to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**56A-1-29;** Meyer Becker Farms; Homestead, Butler, Corliss Township, Sections 6, 7, 18, 32, 25; is requesting cost share assistance for Multi Species Cover Crops on 307.24 acres. The flat rate payment is \$10,753.40, which is \$35.00/acre. Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**56A-1-22;** Kenny Moenkedick; Perham & Edna Township, Sections 21, 28, 23; is requesting cost share assistance for Multi Species Cover Crops on 296.16 acres. The flat rate payment is \$10,365.60, which is \$35.00/acre. Motion made by Bruce Albright, second by Wayne Enger to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**56A-1-30;** Mark Riepe; Perham Township, Sections 31, 34; is requesting cost share assistance for Single Species Cover Crops on 224.65 acres. The flat rate payment is \$5,616.25, which is \$25.00/acre. Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**56A-1-31;** Brian Schroeer; Corliss Township, Sections 38; is requesting cost share assistance for No Till on 105.99 acres. The flat rate payment is \$3,391.68, which is \$32.00/acre. Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Steve Inwards to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**56A-1-32;** Toad River Farms, LLC; Corliss, Perham Township, Sections 19, 20, 36; is requesting cost share assistance for Single Species Cover Crops on 320 acres. The flat rate payment is \$8,000.00, which is \$25.00/acre. Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Wayne Enger to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

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



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

**County Commissioner's Report:**

- OTC met yesterday – Solid Waste was the hot topic of the day
- A public meeting was held in Pelican Rapids with 6 people in attendance
- The County Jail, which was built in 1987, is failing inspections. Update or build a new jail?
- Hobert Township meeting tomorrow to discuss the bike trail expansion from Vergas to Frazee.

**Other Agency Reports:** Bruce Juntunen, our Wadena Liaison, commented on the Retreat. It was good with good input.

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*OLD BUSINESS*

**TSA Update:** Billing for engineers will be calculated based on their hours spent and not a percentage.

**Retreat:** A summary was emailed out to everyone. Discussion was held.

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*NEW BUSINESS*

**Meetings:** Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve those wanting to attend the Administrative Session in Walker, MN. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**Resolutions:** If anyone has resolution ideas, please bring them to the next meeting.

**2026 Elections:** Wayne and Lyle are up for re-election. Wayne informed the board that he does not intend to file for his position again leaving his seat open.

**Blanche Lake Outlet:** Motion made by Steve Inwards, second by Terry Greenwaldt to accept the proposal from Houston Engineering for dam modification engineering. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**OT WBIF 1.0 Grant Agreement Amendment:** Motion made by Bruce Albright, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve Darren to sign the amendment. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**Storage Building:** Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Steve Inwards to approve the estimate of \$7,000 for the landscaping around the storage building, and an additional \$10,000 budget for equipment needs in the new storage building (shelving, workbenches, tool storage, etc.). Opposed: none, motion carried.

**Comet Theater Advertising:** Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve the advertising at the Comet Theater for 1 year. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**Fair:** Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Steve Inwards to approve the Fair Booth fee and a donation to support the Wildlife Building. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**Public Comments:** none.

**Adjourn:** Adjourned at 9:49 a.m.