



## MINUTES FROM THE MAY 17, 2023, BOARD MEETING

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*The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Lyle Dittmann at 7:24 a.m.*

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

**Others Present:** County Commissioner: Dan Bucholz *via teams*  
OTC Land & Resource: Chris LeClair  
NRCS District Conservationist: Troy Baumgart  
District Manager: Darren Newville  
Assistant District Manager: Anne Oldakowski  
Administrative Secretary: Chantal Tougas  
Watershed Coordinator: Don Bajumpaa

**Members Absent:** Vice Chairperson: Steve Inwards

**Agenda:** Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Terry Greenwaldt, to adopt the agenda. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**Approve Board Meeting Minutes:** Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Bruce Albright, to approve the Board Meeting Minutes as presented with one correction. Wayne Enger made the second motion to approve the bills paid and payable. 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 Terry Greenwaldt, second by Wayne Enger, to approve the Bills Paid and Bills Payable as presented. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**Cost Share Policy: No Till/Strip Till –** Motion made by Bruce Albright, second by Wayne Enger to approve the following policy. \$20/acre with a maximum of 160 acres for a 3-year contract with the ability to extend up to a 6-year contract. Opposed: none, motion carried.

### OT 1W1P

**6-C23-4546-01;** Joseph Franklin; Candor Township, Section 11; is requesting cost share assistance for a Forest Stewardship Plan. The total estimated cost of the project is \$ 1,156.59.00 with cost sharing of \$ 867.44 or 75%, whichever is less. Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**6-C23-4546-02;** David Cordes; Girard Township, Section 25; is requesting cost share assistance for a Shoreline Protection project. The total estimated cost of the project is \$ 8,000.00 with cost sharing of \$ 4,000.00 or 50%,



whichever is less. Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Wayne Enger to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**6-C23-4546-03**; David Cordes; Girard Township, Section 25; is requesting cost share assistance for a Shoreline Protection project. The total estimated cost of the project is \$ 1,758.46 with cost sharing of \$ 1,318.85 or 75%, whichever is less. Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

### REDEYE 1W1P

**C21-3238-23**; Scott Huwe; Blowers Township, Section 7; is requesting cost share assistance for his Irrigation Water Management. The cost share amount is \$ 1,500.00 (\$500 per year) for a 3 year contract. Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

### PRIORITY LAKES GRANT

**PL18/LP**; Shane Hoefs; 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 Terry Greenwaldt, second by Wayne Enger to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**District Manager's Report:** Presented by Anne Oldakowski.

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

- CRP –No word yet on accepted offers. Taking calls regarding seeding, trees, and staking projects. There is a spike in interest in Grassland CRP.
- CSP –7 applications. Assessment/Ranking deadline was originally May 12, 2023, however, that has been extended for two more weeks.
- EQIP – Two additional applications have been funded through the Wildlife Fund Pool. Both are grazing contracts. There is a potential for an additional Ag Waste project. Thursday is the deadline for the first application.
- RCPP – Only one application left to fund in EOT.

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

- Has been sitting in on interviews for the shared position.
- A U of M educator has been hired.
- County Road 8 repairs have been started and bids are coming in June for County Road 51 repairs.

**Other Agency Report:**

OTC Land & Resource – A vote will take place on Tuesday for the revisions on the Septic Ordinance. There have been concerns on these revisions. A date of January 1, 2024 has been discussed.



### ***Old Business***

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***TSA Update:*** There were very few minor changes made to the updated joint powers agreement (JPA). Motion made by Bruce Albright, second by Wayne Enger to approve and sign the amended JPA. Opposed: none, motion carried.

### ***New Business***

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***Meetings/Trainings:*** Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Wayne Enger to approve those that want to attend the Area Meeting. Opposed: none, motion carried.

***Shared Extension Educator Position:*** Darren presented information about the establishment of a U of M Extension Educator Position that would be shared by Otter Tail County (50%), EOT SWCD (25%), and the Wadena SWCD (25%). Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Bruce Albright to approve the EOT SWCD financial support of this position and the agreement with Otter Tail County. Opposed: none, motion carried.

***Job Approval Authority:*** Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve Mitch Janson's job approval authority. Opposed: none, motion carried.

***LCCMR:*** Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Wayne Enger to approve Darren to sign the Pooling agreements for the Redeye and Long Prairie WBIF funds with the other LGU partners. Opposed, none: motion carried. Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve the purchase of a Brush Hog Tiller. Opposed: none, motion carried.

***iPad's:*** Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Wayne Enger to upgrade our current iPad's. Opposed: none, motion carried.

***Public Comments:*** none

***Adjourn:*** Meeting was adjourned at 8:39 a.m.