



MINUTES FROM MAY 20, 2026, BOARD MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Chair Lyle Dittmann at 7:29 a.m.

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

Members Absent: Vice Chair: Steve Inwards

Others Present: County Commissioner: Dan Bucholz
District Manager: Darren Newville
Administrative Assistant: Chantal Tougas
Riparian Conservation Planning: Pete Guck
Riparian Conservation Planning: Selma Bleess
Conservation Corp Intern: Alicia Erickson

Agenda: Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Terry Greenwaldt to adopt the agenda. 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 Wayne Enger, second by Bruce Albright to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented, subject to audit. Opposed: none, motion carried. Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Terry Greenwaldt to renew CD 5505 for 4 months, and CD 5508 for 11 months. 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. Opposed: none, motion carried.

COST SHARE

Discussion was held regarding adding Pasture/Hayland Planting, NRCS Practice 512, to our Cost-Share Policy. Staff recommended a onetime flat rate payment of \$100/acre, with a 5-year practice/contract life, capping it at 160 acres with no hay in the rotation for the past 5 years, and requiring planting at least a 2 species mix (see attachment). Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Bruce Albright to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

OTTER TAIL WBIF

6-C25-0116-21; John Menth; Candor Township, Section 28; is requesting his final cost share payment for a forest stewardship plan on 131 acres. The total cost of the plan was \$1,610.00, with cost share of \$805.00 which is 50%. Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Bruce Albright to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.



6-C25-0116-22; United Sportsmen Club; Dead Lake Township, Section 23; is requesting final cost share payment for a forest stewardship plan on 109 acres. The total cost of the plan was \$804.00, with cost share of \$201.00 which is 25%. Motion made by Bruce Albright, second by Wayne Enger to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

SOIL HEALTH PRACTICES P26-0039

56A-1-05; Michael Guck; Perham Twp, section 7; would like to cancel his strip till practice on 59.44 acres. Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

56A-1-20; Ryan Peppersack; Parkers Prairie Township, Sections 6, 9; is requesting his final cost share payment for strip till on 73.01 acres. The flat rate payment is \$2,336.32, which is \$32.00/acre. Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Wayne Enger to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

56A-1-21; Alan Peppersack; Parkers Prairie Township/Elmo Townships, Sections 33/31; is requesting his final cost share payment for strip till on 130 acres. The flat rate payment is \$4,160.00, which is \$32.00/acre. Motion made by Bruce Albright, second by Wayne Enger to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

BLUFF 319

P22-3257-07; Isaac Ray; Compton Township, Section 35; is requesting cost share assistance for a Prescribed Grazing practice. The total estimated cost of the project is \$79,747.50.00. Cost share of \$ 39,873.75 (50%) will be coming out of the Bluff 319 grant and the remaining out of Red Eye 3.0 \$19,936.88 (25%), for a total of 75% or whichever is less. Motion made by Bruce Albright, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

District Manager's Report: Read by Darren Newville.

NRCS Conservationist Report: not present.

County Commissioner's Report:

- Attended the COLA Shoreland Symposium on Saturday where Pete was a speaker. He did a great job.
- Been visiting the townships in district.
- OTC received \$7m for an expansion to the NE landfill for the disposal of the ash from the Perham incinerator.
- Recycling pickup is currently a hot topic in the county.
- Attended the FFA banquet on Saturday.

Other Agency Reports: none present.

OLD BUSINESS

TSA Update: Nothing to report. Next meeting in July.

NEW BUSINESS



Meetings: Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Wayne Enger to approve those wanting to attend the Area Meeting. Opposed: none, motion carried. Motion made by Bruce Albright, second by Wayne Enger to approve those attending the CAI Short Course. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Resolutions: Discussion, information only.

JAA Approval: Motion made by Bruce Albright, second by Wayne Enger to accept/approve JAA for Peter Hendrickx for Conservation Practice Cover Crops. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Public Comments: none.

Adjourn: Adjourned at 8:36 a.m.