



MINUTES FROM JUNE 18, 2025, BOARD MEETING

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
Public Relations: Wayne Enger

Members Absent: Secretary: Terry Greenwaldt

Others Present: County Commissioner: Dan Bucholz
BWSR Board Conservationist: Pete Waller
NRCS District Conservationist: Troy Baumgart
District Manager: Darren Newville
Ass't District Manager: Anne Oldakowski
Administrative Assistant: Chantal Tougas

Agenda: Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Steve Inwards to adopt the agenda as presented. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Board Meeting Minutes: Motion made by Bruce Albright, second by Steve Inwards to approve the previous Board Meeting Minutes as presented. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Motion made by Steve Inwards, seconded by Wayne Enger, to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented, subject to audit. Opposed: none, motion carried. Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Steve Inwards to cash out the CD that matured on June 16, 2025, and return it to the savings account. 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

RED EYE C22-7830 (2.0)

6-C22-7830-09 Jennifer Maertens; Girard Township, section 11; is requesting cost share assistance for a forest management plan for 123 acres. The estimated cost is \$2,295.00 with cost share of \$573.75 or 25%, whichever is less. Motion made by Steve Inwards, second by Wayne Enger to approve. Opposed none: motion carried.



MULTIPLE GRANTS

P23-1461-09 Paul Seedorf; Perham Township, Section 8; is requesting cost share assistance for an irrigation sprinkler system. The total estimated cost of the project is \$ 7,878.64 with cost share of \$5,908.98 or 75% whichever is less. Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Steve Inwards to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

P23-1461-10 Paul Seedorf; Perham Township, Section 8; is requesting cost share assistance for irrigation water management for one year. The total flat rate for cost share is \$500 for the year. Motion made by Steve Inwards, second by Wayne Enger to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

6-C23-4546-35 Paul Seedorf; Perham Township, Section 8; is requesting cost share assistance for irrigation water management for two years. The total flat rate for cost share is \$500 per year, with a total of \$1,000. The second year will be coming from the OT WBIF 2.0 grant C23-0116. Motion made by Bruce Albright, second by Steve Inwards to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

District Manager's Report: Presented by Darren Newville.

District Conservationist's Report: Presented by Troy Baumgart.

County Commissioner's Report:

- Becker County no longer has a Veteran's Service Office, due to lack of workers. Otter Tail County has been servicing that area, however, they are not receiving funding for those services.
- Legislative: Two EMS bills have been signed.
- At the Little Pine Lake Association meeting last weekend, the culvert, which has been a hot topic for quite a few years, was discussed. The DNR, who were in attendance, will have a public hearing in August to announce their plan for the culvert.
- A bypass lane will be constructed at the intersection of County Hwy 8 & 450th. This is the road that goes to the Perham Golf Course.
- A street light will be installed at the intersection of County Hwy 14 and MN-78.

Other Agency Reports: Pete Waller – BWSR gave a legislative update.

Bruce Juntunen – Wadena SWCD Supervisor: Attended the Area meeting where 7 resolutions were presented. The tree program went well this year. The DNR trees looked good this year.

Lyle Dittmann: Attended the Area meeting. This was the best attended meeting ever. A shorter meeting may have helped that. 3 resolutions were presented and will be passed on to the State committee.

Old Business

TSA Update: nothing to report currently. Next meeting will be in July.

Storage Building: The contract has been executed, and down payment has been made. Construction is scheduled to start after the fair and completed within 2-3 weeks.



New Business

Meetings and Trainings:

- MACAI Short Course • \$250 registration + lodging. Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Steve Inwards to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.
- Wetland Plant ID • \$90 registration. Motion made by Steve Inwards, second by Wayne Enger to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.
- Classifying Wetlands • \$90 registration. Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Steve Inwards to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.
- Stewardship Summit • \$275 registration. Motion made by Steve Inwards, second by Wayne Enger to approve those attending. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Fixed Assets: Motion made by Steve Inwards, second by Bruce Albright to increase the fixed asset threshold from \$1,000 to \$5,000 retroactive to January 1, 2025 per our Auditors recommendation. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Sick Leave Policy: Motion made by Bruce Albright, second by Steve Inwards to approve the presented sick leave policy. Opposed: none, motion carried. *Note: Commissioner Bucholz recommended running this policy by the County Attorney.*

Window Cleaning Quote: Motion made by Bruce Albright, second by Wayne Enger to accept a quote from Brite Way Window Cleaning to clean the building windows inside and out. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Public Comments: None

Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 a.m.