



MINUTES FROM JULY 15, 2026, BOARD MEETING

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

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

Others Present: County Commissioner: Dan Bucholz
NRCS Conservationist: Troy Baumgart
District Manager: Darren Newville
Ass't Manager: Anne Oldakowski
Administrative Secretary: Chantal Tougas
Riparian Conservation Planning: Pete Guck

Present Via Teams: Michael Miller

Members Absent: Vice Chair: Steve Inwards

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 Bruce Albright, second by Wayne Enger to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented, subject to audit. Opposed: none, motion carried. Motion made by Bruce Albright, second by Wayne Enger to cash out CD 3486 maturing on 7/23/2026 and deposit those funds into the savings account. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Bills Paid & Bills Payable: Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Bruce Albright to approve the Bills Paid and Bills Payable as presented. Opposed: none, motion carried.

COST SHARE

PRIORITY LAKES

PL4-LP; Susan Novell; Corliss Township, section 30; is requesting cancellation and buyout for her shoreline restoration contract. The original amount received for the 10-year contract was \$1,429.07. The pro-rated buyout for the remaining 5 years of the contract would be \$1,071.81. Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Bruce Albright to approve the buyout. Opposed: none, motion carried.



OTTERTAIL WBIF

6-C23-4546-19; Mark Riestenberg; Edna Township, section 23; requests cancellation of the third year of irrigation scheduling as he will not be farming those acres going forward. Motion made by Bruce Albright, second by Wayne Enger to approve the cancellation of this contract. Opposed: none, motion carried.

6-C23-4546-44; Brian Moenkedick; Edna Township, section 12; Correction of typographical error. Cost share amount was given as \$16,833.50 on the June cost share report. Correct cost share amount on the signed cost share contract is \$16,883.50. Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Wayne Enger to approve this correction. Opposed: none, motion carried.

6-C25-0116-15; Sonja Amundson; Corliss Township, section 32; is requesting payment for her critical area shoreline planting. The final cost is \$4,213.08, with cost share of \$3,159.81 or 75%. Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

6-C25-0116-17; Scott Genseal; Hobart Township, section 10; is requesting payment for his critical area shoreline planting. The final cost is \$7,757.00, with cost share of \$5,817.75 or 75%. Motion made by Bruce Albright, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

6-C25-0116-19; Brian and Connie Mort; Dora Township, section 2; is requesting payment for their critical area shoreline planting. The final cost is \$9,178.44, with cost share of \$6,883.83 or 75%. Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve. Oppose: none, motion carried.

6-C25-0116-25; Tom & Suzann Buckingham Trust; Pine Lake Township, section 26; is requesting payment for a forest stewardship plan. The final cost is \$1,490.00, with cost share of 372.50 or 25%. Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Wayne Enger to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

REDEYE WBIF

6-C22-7830-11; Rick Miller, et al; Girard Township, section 1; is requesting payment for his forest stewardship plan. The final cost is \$1,440.00, with cost share of \$360.00 or 25%. Motion made by Bruce Albright, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

6-C22-7830-12; Gourd Lake Miller Partners; Girard, Ottertail Townships, sections 1,2,36; is requesting payment for his forest stewardship plan. The final cost is \$4,998.00, with cost share of \$1,249.50 or 25%. Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Wayne Enger to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

6-C25-0118-06; Bonita Birch; Parkers Prairie Township, section 28; is requesting payment for her critical area shoreline planting. The final cost is \$2,270.25, with cost share of \$1,702.69 or 75%. Motion made by Bruce Albright, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

6-C25-0118-07; Richard and Lori Murdock; Leaf Lake Township, section 21; are requesting payment for their critical area shoreline planting. The final cost is \$2,511.75, with cost share of \$1,883.81 or 75%. Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Wayne Enger to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.



6-C25-0118-10; Kantack Cattle Company, c/o David Rud; Blowers Township, section 18; is requesting payment for his forest stewardship plan. The final cost is \$2,660.00, with cost share of \$665.00 or 25%. Motion made by Bruce Albright, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

6-C25-0118-13; Fraki Dairy; Newton Township, section 33; is requesting cost share assistance for a multi-species cover crop practice on 43 acres. Flat rate cost share is \$1,505.00, which is \$35/ac. Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Wayne Enger to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

6-C25-0118-14; Bruce Jacobson; Paddock Township, section 30; is requesting cost share assistance for a single-species cover crop practice on 45 acres. Flat rate cost share is \$1,125.00, which is \$25/ac. Motion made by Bruce Albright, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

6-C25-0118-15; John Streit; Elmo Township, section 9; is requesting cost share assistance for a forest stewardship plan for 95 acres. The estimated cost is \$1,200.00 with cost share of \$312.50 or 25%, whichever is less. *Correction: the estimated cost is \$1,250.00.* Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

BLUFF & OAK CREEK P22-3257

P22-3257-07; Isaac Ray; Compton Township, section 26; is requesting a second partial payment for a prescribed grazing practice. The cost of the practice for the current voucher is \$24,979.43, with cost share of \$18,734.57 or 75%. Motion made by Bruce Albright, second by Wayne Enger to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

CONSERVATION CONTRACTS P26-0354

P26-0354-01; Ron Doll; Rush Lake Township, section 11; is requesting cost share assistance for a critical area planting on 2.45 acres. The estimated cost of the project is \$1,922.00, with cost share of \$1,441.50 or 75%, whichever is less. Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Bruce Albright to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

SOIL HEALTH PRACTICES P26-0039

56A-1-33; Ryan Satter; Edna Township, section 28; is requesting cost share assistance for a multi-species cover crop practice on 81 acres. Flat rate cost share is \$2,835.00, which is \$35/acre. Motion made by Bruce Albright, second by Wayne Enger to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

56A-1-34; Randy Thompson; Homestead Township, section 28,29; is requesting cost share assistance for a multi-species cover crop practice on 52.74 acres. Flat rate cost share is \$1,845.90, which is \$35/acre. Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

District Manager's Report: Read by Anne Oldakowski.

NRCS Conservationist Report: Read by Troy Baumgart.



County Commissioner's Report:

- The President of the University of Minnesota will be attending the East Otter Tail County Fair on Saturday. Goldie & Otter will also be in attendance.
- County Commissioners will vote on July 28, 2026, on the Hwy 51 Culvert.
- A tour of West Otter Tail is scheduled for next Monday.
- A D.C. fly in visit is scheduled for September 22, 2026.

Other Agency Reports: none present.

OLD BUSINESS

TSA Update: Next meeting July 29, 2026.

SWCD Aid Guideline Resolution: Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve the resolution. Opposed: none, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Meetings: none.

2027 Budget: Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Bruce Albright to approve the Draft budget with the County Allocation request included. Opposed: none, motion carried.

BOTF Sponsorship: Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve a \$600.00 sponsorship for Breakfast on the Farm. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Wildlife Building at the Fair: The cost for the animals in the Wildlife building increased by \$100 this year. Motion made by Bruce Albright, second by Wayne Enger to pay the extra amount. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Public Comments: Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve up to \$28,000 to purchase a cooler for the barn. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Adjourn: Adjourned at 8:43 a.m.