



MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 18, 2021 BOARD MEETING

Pursuant to MN Statutes 13D.021 the regular monthly board meeting of the East Otter Tail Soil and Water Conservation District was held on Wednesday, August 18, 2021 at 7:30 a.m. via Zoom or Teleconference due to the Public Health Pandemic Emergency declared under Chapter 12 by the Governor. A notice of the meeting was posted on the door of the SWCD Office Location (801 Jenny Ave SW, #2) explaining how the public was able to participate in the meeting. The meeting followed all the requirements for an electronic meeting as spelled out in MN Statutes 13D.021 Subdivision 1, 1-4.

*The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Lyle Dittmann at 7:33 a.m.
Reviewed the Public Health Emergency Remote Public Meeting Guidance.*

Members Present:

Chairperson: Lyle Dittmann
Secretary: Terry Greenwaldt
Treasurer: Dennis Reynolds
Public Relations: Wayne Enger

Members Absent:

Vice Chairperson: Steve Inwards

Others Present:

County Commissioner: Dan Bucholz
NRCS Soil Conservationist: Bob Guetter
District Manager: Darren Newville
Asst District Manager: Anne Oldakowski (Zoom)
Administrative Secretary: Chantal Tougas
Admin, Ed, & Outreach Asst: Kristi Rorah

Agenda: Motion made by Wayne Enger, seconded by Terry Greenwaldt to adopt the Agenda. Opposed: None, motion carried.

Approve Board Meeting Minutes: Motion made by Dennis Reynolds, seconded by Wayne Enger to approve the previous month Board Meeting Minutes as presented. 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.

- The EOT SWCD CD needs to be renewed. Motion made by Wayne Enger, seconded by Terry Greenwaldt, to renew the CD for 7 months at .3%. Opposed: None, motion carried.

Bills Paid & Bills Payable: Motion made by Wayne Enger, seconded by Dennis Reynolds, to approve the Bills Paid and Bills Payable as presented. Opposed: None, motion carried.



COST SHARE

PL4/LP; Susan Novell; Corliss, Section 30, is requesting payment for her shoreline restoration. The total cost of the project was \$ 1,905.42 with Cost Sharing of \$ 1,429.07 which is 75%. Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, seconded by Dennis Reynolds, to approve payment. Opposed: None, motion carried.

2020-18; Ron & Julie Doll; Ottertail, Section 1, are requesting payment for their shoreline restoration. The total cost of the project was \$ 2,518.20 with Cost Sharing of \$ 1,888.65 which is 75%. Motion made by Wayne Enger, seconded by Dennis Reynolds, to approve payment. Opposed: None, motion carried.

2019-19; Matthew Grimes; Ottertail, Section 14, is requesting payment for his shoreline restoration. The total cost of the project was \$ 1,905.42 with Cost Sharing of \$ 1,429.07 which is 75%. Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, seconded by Dennis Reynolds, to approve payment. Opposed: None, motion carried.

2020-20; Christine Olson; Parkers Prairie, Section 14, is requesting an amendment to her amendment contract of \$6,220.37 to a contract of \$6,738.82 due to an increase in the estimated costs involved. Motion made by Wayne Enger, seconded by Terry Greenwaldt, to amend the amended contract. Opposed: None, motion carried.

2020-20; Christine Olson; Parkers Prairie, Section 14, is requesting payment for her shoreline restoration. The total cost of the project was \$ 8,985.09 with Cost Sharing of \$ 6,738.82 which is 75%. Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, seconded by Wayne Enger, to approve payment. Opposed: None, motion carried.

2021-01; Philip Glawe; Edna, Section 10, is requesting payment for his shoreline restoration. The total cost of the project was \$ 5,538.39 with Cost Sharing of \$ 4,153.79 which is 75%. Motion made by Wayne Enger, seconded by Dennis Reynolds, to approve payment. Opposed: None, motion carried.

2021-05; LuAnn Carow; Gorman, Section 27, is requesting cost share assistance for a Well Sealing. The estimated cost of the project is \$2,800.00 with Cost Sharing of \$300.00 or 50% whichever is less. Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, seconded by Wayne Enger, to approve payment. Opposed: None, motion carried.

CC4; Greg Huwe; Butler; is requesting a partial Second year payment contract for Cover Crop practices. This is a three-year contract for a total flat rate in the amount of \$10,125.00 with the Second payment of \$ 3,375.00. Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, seconded by Dennis Reynolds, to approve payment contract. Opposed: None, motion carried.

CC9; Henry Dykhoff; Bluffton; is requesting a partial Second year payment for Cover Crop practices. This is a three-year contract for a total flat rate in the amount of \$1,518.75 with the Second payment of \$506.25. Motion made by Wayne Enger, seconded by Terry Greenwaldt, to approve payment. Opposed: None, motion carried.

CC10; Adam Minten; Butler; is requesting a partial Second year payment contract for Cover Crop practices. This is a three-year contract for a total flat rate in the amount of \$13,500.00 with the Second payment of \$ 4,500.00. Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, seconded by Dennis Reynolds, to approve payment contract. Opposed: None, motion carried.



District Manager's Report: Report written and presented by Darren Newville.

District Conservationist's Report: Report presented by Bob Guetter.

County Commissioner Report:

Presented by Dan Bucholz.

- * Ditch issue at Big McDonald Lake was rekindled this week. Several farmers are upset, lake residents want it shut down. Moore Engineering is involved.
- * Pioneer Days is this weekend.
- * BOTF – Thank you from the county.

Other Agency Reports:

None

Old Business

Water Planning: Information included in District manager's report.

Department of Ag Update: RCPP – Meeting was held Monday. No agreement in place yet between MDA & NRCS. Cost share rates are being worked on.

TSA Update: Next meeting is August 25.

New Business

Meetings:

BWSR academy will be held in October 26-28. Motion made by Dennis Reynolds, seconded by Terry Greenwaldt, to approve staff attendance. Opposed: None, motion carried.

MASWCD Awards: MASWCD awards nominations are due September 17. Suggested Sakry Farms/Ron & Kenny Sakry for outstanding conservationist nomination and Rondi Ulmer for teacher nomination. Motion made by Wayne Enger, seconded by Terry Greenwaldt, to approve nominations. Opposed: None, motion carried.

Public Comments: None

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn was made at 8:44 am by Wayne Enger, seconded by Terry Greenwaldt. Opposed: None, motion carried.