



## MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 21, 2024, BOARD MEETING

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*The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Lyle Dittmann at 7:31 a.m.*

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

**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  
Summer Intern: Sydney Eide  
Wadena SWCD Liaison: Bruce Juntunen

**Agenda:** Add CD renewal under the Treasurer's Report and Toad River under Public comments to the agenda. Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Terry Greenwaldt to adopt the agenda as presented with additions. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**Approve Board Meeting Minutes:** Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve the Board Meeting Minutes as presented. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Motion made by Wayne Enger, seconded by Steve Inwards, 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 invest funds into 4 separate CD's as presented, with Darren Newville, Chantal Tougas, Lyle Dittmann, and Bruce Albright as signers. Opposed: none, motion carried.

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

### OTTER TAIL WBIF – C23-4546

**6-C23-4546-12;** Jared Lotzer; Hobart Township, Section 29; amendment to correct final cost and payment amounts of the shoreline project which was incorrect on July cost share. The final cost of the project was \$2,796.20 with a cost share payment of \$2097.15, which is 75% of the total cost. Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Steve Inwards to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**6-C23-4546-17;** Adam Dooley; Edna Township, Section 15; is requesting a contract amendment due to an increase in the cost of the critical area planting project. The original estimated cost of the project was \$2,590.00 with approved cost share of \$1,942.50. The new total cost of the project is \$3,087.14 with cost share assistance



of \$2,315.36, which is 75% of the total cost. Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Steve Inwards to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**6-C23-4546-17;** Adam Dooley; Edna Township, Section 15; is requesting final payment for his critical area planting. The total cost of the project was \$3,087.14 with cost share assistance of \$2,315.36, which is 75% of the total cost. Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Steve Inwards to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**6-C23-4546-11;** Lisa and Curt Herwers; Girard Township, Section 33; is requesting final payment for their critical area planting. The total cost of the project was \$524.36 with cost share assistance of \$393.27, which is 75% of the total cost. Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**6-C23-4546-21;** Thomas Ulmer; Pine Lake Township, Section 7; is requesting final payment for his critical area planting. The total cost of the project was \$4,152.69 with cost share assistance of \$3,114.52, which is 75% of the total cost. Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Steve Inwards to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

### PRIORITY LAKES GRANT – C20-6293

**PL20-LP;** Gary and Jackie Foley; Corliss Township, Section 30; is requesting final payment for their critical area planting. The total cost of the project was \$6,315.17 with cost share assistance of \$4,736.38, which is 75% of the total cost. Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Steve Inwards to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

### SOIL HEALTH COST SHARE – P23-2716

**P23-2716-03;** Daniel Briard; Edna Township, Section 26; is requesting cost share assistance for a one-year single-species cover crop practice on 52 acres. The flat rate cost share is \$25/acre, with cost share of \$1,300.00. Motion made by Steve Inwards, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

### STATE COST SHARE

**P23-5804-02;** Forrest Briard; Gorman Township, Section 5, 17 and Perham Township, Section 32; is requesting cost share assistance for a one-year single-species cover crop practice on 320 acres. The flat rate cost share is \$25/acre, with cost share of \$8,000.00. Motion made by Steve Inwards, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**P23-5804-03;** Carlson Turkey Farms; Parkers Prairie Township, Section 8,9,16,17; is requesting cost share assistance for a one-year multi-species cover crop practice on 320 acres. The flat rate cost share is \$35/acre, with cost share of \$11,200.00. Motion made by Steve Inwards, second by Wayne Enger to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

### REDEYE WBIF – C21-3238

**C21-3238-25;** Connor Dailey; Compton Township, Section 36; is requesting a contract amendment due to an increase in the cost of the project. The original estimated cost of the project was \$20,546.40 with approved cost



share of \$15,409.80. The total cost of the project was \$27,750.03 with cost share assistance of \$20,812.52, which is 75% of the total cost. Motion made by Steve Inwards, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**C21-3238-25;** Connor Dailey; Compton Township, Section 36; is requesting final payment of his Prescribed Grazing project. The total cost of the project was \$27,750.03 with cost share assistance of \$20,812.52, which is 75% of the total cost. Motion made by Wayne Enger, 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:**

- A disappointingly very low turnout for the Primary Election in Ottertail County.
- Attended the Pine Lake LID meeting. Pete & Marcie from EOT SWCD gave a presentation, well done.
- Tomorrow budget meetings begin.
- The county has received quite a few calls regarding the Rush Lake Shooting Range. Concern from neighboring properties finding spent shell casings in their yard. The range hasn't been inspected in 7 years.

**Other Agency Reports:** Pete Waller with the Board of Water and Soil Resources gave a legislative update.

**Old Business**

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**TSA Update:** the budget was approved.

**Fairgrounds Building Committee Update:** nothing to update.

**New Business**

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**Meetings/Trainings:** Motion made by Steve Inward, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve those wanting to attend BWSR Academy this year. Opposed: none, motion carried. Motion made by Steve Inward, second by Wayne Enger to approve those wanting to attend the MASWCD Convention this year. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**WBIF Watershed Grant:** Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Steve Inwards to approve Darren to sign the LGU Pooling Agreements. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**HACH DR 6000:** Motion made by Steve Inwards, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve the purchase of a new water testing machine. Opposed: none, motion carried.

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



**Esser Contract Renewal:** Motion made by Steve Inwards, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve renewing the contract with Esser. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**MDA Contract:** Motion made by Steve Inwards, second by Wayne Enger to approve Darren to sign the next MDA Joint Powers Agreement for the continues NFMP/NMI work. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**Public Comments:** Discussion of Toad River E.coli. Postcards were sent out to landowners in the Toad River Sub-watershed which has created some inaccurate social media posts. While these posts are inaccurate is bringing attention to the issue.

**Adjourn:** Meeting was adjourned at 9:22 a.m.