



MINUTES FROM AUGUST 20, 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
Secretary: Terry Greenwaldt
Treasurer: Bruce Albright
Public Relations: Wayne Enger

Others Present: NRCS District Conservationist: Troy Baumgart
District Manager: Darren Newville
Ass't District Manager: Anne Oldakowski
Administrative Assistant: Chantal Tougas

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

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

Treasurer's Report: Motion made by Bruce Albright, seconded by Terry Greenwaldt, to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented, subject to audit. Opposed: none, motion carried.

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

COST SHARE

RED EYE C22-7830 (2.0)

6-C22-7830-13; Roy Olson Partnership; Parkers Prairie Twp, section 23; is requesting* cost share assistance for a multi-species cover crop practice on 68.9 acres. The flat rate cost share is \$2,411.50, which is \$35/acre.

*Contract approved by Darren 7/21/2025. Motion made by Steve Inwards, second by Wayne Enger to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

6-C22-7830-13; Roy Olson Partnership; Parkers Prairie Twp, section 23; is requesting final payment for a one-year, multi-species cover crop practice on 68.9 acres. The flat rate cost share is \$2,411.50, which is \$35/acre. Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Steve Inwards to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

6-C22-7830-14; Paul Peterson; Oak Valley Twp, section 3; is requesting cost share assistance for an ag waste pit closure. The estimated cost of the project is \$23,000.00 with cost share of \$15,000.00, the maximum payment amount. Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Steve Inwards to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.



RED EYE C25-0118 (3.0)

6-C25-0118-03; Mark and Wendy Telehey; Leaf Lake Twp, section 21; is requesting final payment for their shoreline critical area planting. The final cost was \$3,379.60, with cost share of \$2,534.70, which is 75%. Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Steve Inwards to approve. Oppose: none, motion carried.

OTTER TAIL C23-4546 (1.0)

6-C23-4546-36; Roy Olson Partnership; Amor Twp, section 10; is requesting* cost share assistance for a multi-species cover crop practice on 131.5 acres. The flat rate cost share is \$4,602.50, which is \$35/acre. *Contract approved by Darren 7/21/2025. Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Steve Inwards to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

6-C23-4546-36; Roy Olson Partnership; Amor Twp, section 10; is requesting final payment for a one-year, multi-species cover crop practice on 131.5 acres. The flat rate cost share is \$4,602.50, which is \$35/acre. Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Steve Inwards to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

6-C23-4546-29; Joe and Becky Esser; Edna Twp, section 14; are requesting final payment for their shoreline critical area planting. The final cost was \$3,651.00, with cost share of \$2,738.25, which is 75%. Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Steve Inwards to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

6-C23-4546-37; Michael Ruther; Corliss Twp, section 33; is requesting cost share assistance for an ag waste pit closure. The estimated cost of the project is \$29,006.50 with cost share of \$15,000.00, the maximum payment amount. Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

OTTER TAIL C25-0116 (2.0)

6-C25-0116-08; Jim Geis; Corliss Twp, section 31; is requesting final payment for his shoreline critical area planting. The final cost was \$5,689.37, with cost share of \$4,267.03, which is 75%. Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

6-C25-0116-09; Joe and Becky Esser; Edna Twp, section 15; are requesting final payment for their shoreline critical area planting. The final cost was \$6,425.00, with cost share of \$4,818.75, which is 75%. Motion by Wayne Enger, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

6-C25-0116-10; Tom Jacob; Rush Lake Twp, section 26; is requesting final payment for his shoreline critical area planting. The final cost was \$3,425.75, with cost share of \$2,569.31, which is 75%. Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Wayne Enger to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

IRRIGATION P23-1461

P23-1461-09; Paul Seedorf; Perham Twp, section 8; is requesting final payment for his irrigation low pressure sprinkler system conversion. The final cost was \$13,118.38, with cost share of \$9,838.79, which is 75%. Motion made by Steve Inwards, second by Wayne Enger to approve. Opposed; none, motion carried.



P23-1461-11; Ron Sakry; Woodside Twp, section 20; is requesting cost share assistance for a variable rate sprinkler system conversion. The estimated cost is \$66,600.00 with cost share of \$49,950.00 or 75%, whichever is less. Motion made by Steve Inwards, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

CONSERVATION CONTRACTS P24-0274 / P25-0145

P24-0274-03; Dean Greenwalt; Oak Valley Twp, section 7; is requesting final payment for his conservation cover practice. Final cost was \$971.39 with cost share of \$728.54, which is 75%. Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Steve Inwards to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried. *Note: Terry Greenwaldt abstained from voting.*

P24-0274-05; Thomas Schussler; Perham Twp, section 35; is requesting final payment for his tree and shrub establishment/conservation cover practice. Final cost was \$3,893.20 with cost share of \$2,919.90, which is 75%. Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Steve Inwards to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

56A-1 RCPP SOIL HEALTH

56A-1-01 RCPP Soil Health; Forrest Briard; Gorman/Perham Twps, sections 4,9,16,37/34; is requesting cost share assistance for a single species cover crop practice on 320 acres. The flat rate cost share is \$8,000.00 for a one-year contract, which is \$25/acre. Motion made by Steve Inwards, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

BLUFF AND OAK CREEK 319 GRANT

P22-3257-05; Reinke, Ivan; Compton Township, Section 35, is requesting cost share assistance for Prescribed Grazing Plan & Heavy Use Area Protection. The estimated cost of the project is \$10,697.00 with cost share of \$8,022.75 or 75% whichever is less. Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Wayne Enger to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

2014 COMMUNITY PARTNERS GRANT

Contract Buyout: Lk Lida 2014 CPG; Jeff Browne, 25911 Pierce Trl, Pelican Rapids MN; is requesting to buyout the contract made with John McMillen. The original cost share amount was \$499.37 with two years remaining on the 10 yr contract. The buyout amount at 150% is \$749.06. Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Steve Inwards to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Bruce Albright to accept the updated cost share policies. Opposed: none, motion carried.

District Manager's Report: Presented by Anne Oldakowski.

District Conservationist's Report: Presented by Troy Baumgart.

County Commissioner's Report: not present.

Other Agency Reports: none present.



Old Business

TSA Update: July 22, 2025, meeting focused on the Budget. All is going well.

Storage Building: The building construction is moving right along. Concrete is next. Completion should be the first part of September.

New Business

Meetings and Trainings: Motion made by Steve Inwards, second by Wayne Enger to approve those wanting to attend the Managers Training by MASWCD. The cost is \$4,200 per person, not including hotel fees. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Prevailing Wage: Discussion was held on prevailing wages.

MN Paid Leave: Motion made by Steve Inwards, second by Bruce Albright to approve covering the employer and employees share 100%. Opposed: none, motion carried.

MASWCD Award Nominations: Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Terry Greenwaldt to nominate Alan Westad for EOT Conservationist this year, as recommended by the staff. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Esser Maintenance Agreement: Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Wayne Enger to approve the maintenance agreement with Esser for another year at \$716.00. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Public Comments: Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Terry Greenwaldt to put down earnest money on a JD509E tractor. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Adjourn: Motion made by Steve Inwards, second by Terry Greenwaldt to adjourn. Opposed: none, motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 9:08 a.m.