



MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 17, 2025, BOARD MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Chair Lyle Dittmann at 7:34 a.m.

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

Others Present: County Commissioner: Dan Bucholz
NRCS District Conservationist: Troy Baumgart
District Manager: Darren Newville
Administrative Assistant: Chantal Tougas
Riparian Conservation Planner: Marcie Peeters

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 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 Wayne Enger, seconded by Terry Greenwaldt, to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented, subject to audit. Opposed: none, motion carried. Motion made by Bruce Albright, second by Steve Inwards to renew CD #3486 for 5 months at 4.05%. Opposed: none, motion carried. Motion made by Bruce Albright, second by Wayne Enger to cash out CD # 0972 and deposit into the savings account. Opposed: none, motion carried. Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Steve Inwards to approve the draft audit and sign the audit letter. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Bills Paid & Bills Payable: Motion made by Bruce Albright, 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-C22-7830-15; Steve Flanagan; Bluffton Twp, section 23; is requesting* cost share assistance for a 1-year multi-species cover crop practice on 9 acres. The flat rate cost share is \$315.00, which is \$35/acre. *Contract approved by Anne 9/3/2025. *changed contract # to -15 after meeting due to duplicate number. Motion made by Bruce Albright, second by Steve Inwards to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.



RED EYE C25-0118 (3.0)

6-C25-0118-05; Marty Egeland; Leaf Lake Twp, section 27; is requesting cost share assistance for a tree and shrub establishment practice on 1.84 acres. The estimated cost of the project is \$1,500.00, with cost share of \$1,125.00 or 75%, whichever is less. Motion made by Steve Inwards, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

BLUFF CREEK P22-3257

P22-3257-06; Michael Flath; Compton Twp, section 26; is requesting cost share assistance for a tree and shrub establishment practice. The estimated cost of the project is \$1,155.00, with cost share of \$866.25 or 75%, whichever is less. 50% will come from the Bluff Creek 319 grant, the other 25% is coming from Red Eye 3.0. **changed contract # to -06 after meeting due to duplicate number.* Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Steve Inwards to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

IRRIGATION P23-1461

P23-1461-07; Double D Farms; Gorman Township, sections 8,10; is requesting final payment for an irrigation sprinkler system. The total cost of the project was \$12,593.00 with cost share of \$9,444.75 which is 75% of the cost. Motion made by Steve Inwards, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

CONSERVATION CONTRACTS P25-0145

P25-0145-02; Randy Thompson; Homestead Township, section 29; is requesting final payment for his Multi Species Cover Crop. Cost share is a flat rate payment of \$665.00. Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Steve Inwards to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

P25-0145-03; Steve Steinbach; Homestead Township, section 28; is requesting final payment for his Multi Species Cover Crop. Cost share is a flat rate payment of \$3,675.00. Motion made Bruce Albright, second by Steve Inwards to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

SOIL HEALTH DELIVERY P25-0534

P25-0534-01; Ron Sakry; Deer Creek Township, section 15; is requesting final payment for hosting the 2025 Soil Health Field Day. Cost share is a flat rate payment of \$3,500.00. Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

SOIL HEALTH RCCP P26-0039

56A-1-02; Carlson Turkey Farms Limited; Parkers Prairie Twp, section 4,9,16; is requesting* cost share assistance for a 1-year multi-species cover crop practice on 320 acres. The flat rate cost share is \$11,200.00, which is \$35/acre. *Contract approved by Darren 9/2/2025. Motion made by Steve Inwards, second by Wayne Enger to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.



56A-1-03; Fraki Dairy; Otto Twp, section 11; is requesting cost share assistance for a 1-year single-species cover crop practice on 74 acres. The flat rate cost share is \$1,850.00, which is \$25/acre. Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Wayne Enger to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

56A-1-04; Isaiah Godding; Oak Valley, Inman, Folden, Leaf Lake Twps, sections 8,12,1,28,29; is requesting* cost share assistance for a 1-year single-species cover crop practice on 165.9 acres. The flat rate cost share is \$4,147.50, which is \$25/acre. *Contract approved by Darren 8/29/2025. Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Steve Inwards to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

56A-1-05; Michael Guck; Perham Twp, section 7; is requesting cost share assistance for a 1-year strip till practice on 59.44 acres. The flat rate cost share is \$1,902.08, which is \$32/acre. Motion made by Bruce Albright, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

56A-1-06; Huebsch Farms Inc; Otto, Pine Lake Twps, sections 5,8/5,31; is requesting* cost share assistance for a 1-year single-species cover crop practice on 320 acres. The flat rate cost share is \$8,000.00, which is \$25/acre. *Contract approved by Darren 9/10/2025. Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Steve Inwards to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

56A-1-07; Doug Lange; Inman, Oak Valley Twps, sections 9,10,13,7; is requesting cost share assistance for a 1 year no till practice on 88.89 acres. The flat rate cost share is \$2,844.48, which is \$32/acre. Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Wayne Enger to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

56A-1-08; Meyer Becker Farms; Homestead, Pine Lake, Butler, Bluffton Twps, sections 6,7,19,1,11,19; is requesting* cost share assistance for a 1-year multi-species cover crop practice on 320 acres. The flat rate cost share is \$11,200.00, which is \$35/acre. *Contract approved by Darren 9/10/2025. Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

56A-1-09; James Minten; Butler Twp, section 29; is requesting* cost share assistance for a 1-year multi-species cover crop practice on 31.45 acres. The flat rate cost share is \$1,100.75, which is \$35/acre. *Contract approved by Darren 9/10/2025. Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Wayne Enger to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

56A-1-10; Mark Riepe; Perham Twp, sections 19,31; is requesting* cost share assistance for a 1-year single-species cover crop practice on 165.1 acres. The flat rate cost share is \$4,127.50, which is \$25/acre. *Contract approved by Darren 8/29/2025. Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Wayne Enger to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

56A-1-11; Roy Olson Partnership; Elmo Twp, section 20; is requesting cost share assistance for a 1-year single-species cover crop practice on 119.6 acres. The flat rate cost share is \$2,990.00, which is \$25/acre. Motion made by Steve Inwards, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

56A-1-12; Toad River Farms LLC; Corliss Twp, sections 19,20,22,18,30; is requesting* cost share assistance for a 1-year single-species cover crop practice on 320 acres. The flat rate cost share is \$8,000.00, which is \$25/acre. *Contract approved by Darren 8/29/2025. Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Wayne Enger to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.



56A-1-13; Bryan Zepper; Homestead Twp, sections 17,18; is requesting cost share assistance for a 3 year no till practice on 58.26 acres. The flat rate cost share is \$5,592.96, which is \$1,864.32/year and \$32/acre. Motion made by Bruce Albright, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

56A-1-14; Ben Palubicki; Pine Lake/Perham Townships, sections 20, 29/11; is requesting cost share assistance for a 1 cover crop single species practice on 320 acres. The flat rate cost share is \$8,000.00, which is \$25/acre. *Contract approved by Darren 9/12/2025. Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

56A-1-15; Jordan Palubicki; Pine Lake/Perham Townships, sections 12, 13, 23/18; is requesting cost share assistance for a 1 cover crop single species practice on 320 acres. The flat rate cost share is \$8,000.00, which is \$25/acre. *Contract approved by Darren 9/12/2025. Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Wayne Enger to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

56A-1-16; Nic Palubicki; Pine Lake, Otto, and Rush Lake Townships, sections 27; is requesting cost share assistance for a 1 cover crop single species practice on 320 acres. The flat rate cost share is \$8,000.00, which is \$25/acre. *Contract approved by Darren 9/12/2025. Motion made by Steve Inwards, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

56A-1-17; Ron Palubicki; Perham, Pine Lake, and Otter Tail Townships, sections 27, 13; is requesting cost share assistance for a 1 cover crop single species practice on 320 acres. The flat rate cost share is \$8,000.00, which is \$25/acre. *Contract approved by Darren 9/12/2025. Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Bruce Albright to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

56A-1-18; Russ Palubicki; Otter Tail and Pine Lake Townships, sections 22, 27/32; is requesting cost share assistance for a 1 cover crop single species practice on 320 acres. The flat rate cost share is \$8,000.00, which is \$25/acre. *Contract approved by Darren 9/12/2025. Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Steve Inwards to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

District Manager's Report: Read by Darren Newville.

District Conservationist's Report: Read by Troy Baumgart.

County Commissioner's Report:

- I attended the AMC conference last week. Jordan Rasumussen was a speaker. Solid Waste is the hot topic.
- DNR is discussing a Guide License.
- Ottertail County has hired a new County Engineer. Rick West is filling in for now.
- Shotgun or rifle? That is a county decision.
- Meeting with Houston Engineering, myself, and a few lake association board members regarding the culvert on County Hwy 51 in Perham.

Other Agency Reports: none present.

Old Business

TSA Update: nothing to report.



Storage Building: The concrete has been poured. Ottortail Power should be done with their part in 2-3 weeks.

New Business

Meetings and Trainings:

- Motion made by Steve Inwards, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve Darren or Anne to attend the Managers meeting in St. Cloud on September 24-25, 2025. Opposed: none, motion carried.
- Motion made by Bruce Albright, second by Steve Inwards to approve those attending BWSR Academy in Baxter on October 21-23, 2025. Opposed: none, motion carried.
- Motion made by Steve Inwards, second by Bruce Albright to approve those attending the Tribal Relations Training. Opposed: none, motion carried.
- There will be an Ottortail Watershed Policy Committee meeting on September 25, 2025.
- There will be a Red Eye Watershed Policy Committee meeting on October 20, 2025.

Job Approval Authority (JAA): Motion made by Bruce Albright, second by Steve Inwards to accept Savanna Anderson & Peter Hendrickx JAA. They were both approved for the following practices: 360 Watering Facility Closure, 442 Sprinkler Package, and 449 Irrigation Water Management (IWM). Opposed: none, motion carried.

Health Insurance: Motion made by Steve Inwards, second by Bruce Albright to approve continuing our current health insurance plan coverage. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Public Comments: none

Adjourn: Motion made by Steve Inwards, second by Terry Greenwaldt to adjourn. Opposed: none, motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 a.m.