



MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 15, 2025, BOARD MEETING

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

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

Members Absent: Vice Chair: Steve Inwards
Treasurer: Bruce Albright

Others Present: County Commissioner: Dan Bucholz
Wadena Liaison: Bruce Juntunen
District Manager: Darren Newville
Ass't District Manager: Anne Oldakowski
Administrative Assistant: Chantal Tougas

Agenda: Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Terry Greenwaldt 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 Wayne Enger, second by Terry Greenwaldt to renew CD #8767 for 5 months. Opposed: none, motion carried. Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Wayne Enger to renew CD # 2080 for 5 months. Opposed: none, motion carried.

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

COST SHARE

RED EYE C22-7830 (2.0)

6-C22-7830-16; Brent Roller; Compton/Oak Valley Township, section 29,2; is requesting* cost share assistance for a 1-year single-species cover crop practice on 316 acres. The flat-rate cost share is \$7,900.00, which is \$25/acre. *Contract approved by Darren 10/3/2025. Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Wayne Enger to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

6-C22-7830-17; Jake Suchy; Parkers Prairie Township, section 20; is requesting* cost share assistance for a 1-year single-species cover crop practice on 184.76 acres. The flat-rate cost share is \$4,619.00, which is \$25/acre. *Contract approved by Darren 9/26/2025. Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.



6-C22-7830-18; Wehning Farms; Eastern/Parkers Prairie Township, section 27,33; is requesting* cost share assistance for a 1-year single-species cover crop practice on 274.64 acres. The flat-rate cost share is \$6,866.00, which is \$25/acre. *Contract approved by Darren 9/19/2025. Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Wayne Enger to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

6-C22-7830-19; Stephanie Yungbauer; x Township, section x; is requesting* cost share assistance for a 1-year single-species cover crop practice on 73 acres. The flat-rate cost share is \$1,875.00, which is \$25/acre. *Contract approved by Anne x/x/2025. Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

6-C22-7830-20; Alan Peppersack; Parkers Prairie Township, section 1, 2; is requesting cost share assistance for a 1-year single-species cover crop practice on 94 acres. The flat-rate cost share is \$2,350.00, which is \$25/acre. Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Wayne Enger to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

OTTER TAIL WBIF – C23-4546

6-C23-4546-16; Eric Dreyer; Otto Township, section 32; is requesting the second-year payment for his three-year cover crop practice on 116 acres. The flat-rate cost share is \$41/acre, with total cost share of \$14,268.00 and second-year payment of \$4,756.00. Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Wayne Enger to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

6-C23-4546-38; Dan Dreyer; Ottertail Township, section 12; is requesting* cost share assistance for a 1-year single-species cover crop practice on 180 acres. The flat-rate cost share is \$4,500.00, which is \$25/acre. *Contract approved by Darren 9/29/2025. Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Wayne Enger to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

OTTER TAIL WBIF – C25-0116 (2.0)

6-C25-0116-14; Jaden Meyer; Pine Lake Township, sections 27/28; is requesting* cost share assistance for a 1-year single-species cover crop practice on 131 acres. The flat-rate cost share is \$3,275.00, which is \$25/acre. *Contract approved by Darren 9/19/2025. Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

6-C25-0116-15; Sonja Amundson; Corliss Township, section 32; is requesting cost share assistance for a Critical Area Planting. The estimated cost is \$5,151.00 with the cost share amount of \$3,863.25 or 75% whichever is less. Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Wayne Enger to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

SOIL HEALTH PRACTICES P26-0039

We are asking for approval of payment today for the following 4 projects, however, payment will not be mailed until we obtain the necessary documentation from USDA.

56A-1-03; Fraki Dairy; Otto Township, section 11; is requesting final payment 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-1-09; James Minten; Butler Township, section 29; is requesting final payment for a 1-year single-species cover crop practice on 31.45 acres. The flat-rate cost share is \$1,100.75, which is \$25/acre. Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

56A-1-10; Mark Riepe; Perham Township, section 19, 31; is requesting final payment for a 1-year single-species cover crop practice on 165.10 acres. The flat-rate cost share is \$4,127.50, which is \$25/acre. Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Wayne Enger to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

This contract was approved by Darren on 10/8/2025. We are asking for approval of the following project, contingent on obtaining an NRCS signature on the 052 form.

M01-01; Jake Suchy; Effington Township, section 31; is requesting final payment for a 1-year single-species cover crop practice on 37.86 acres. The flat-rate cost share is \$946.50, which is \$25/acre. Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Wayne Enger to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

District Manager's Report: Read by Darren Neville.

County Commissioner's Report:

- A landowner is concerned about Ditch 44 in Richville. The water was up and now it is down. The landowner wants to clean out the ditch to allow more water in.
- Senator Rasmusson reviewed the Beaver Dam on the Toad River in Corliss Township. Corliss Township will take care of the beavers. They may have to hire a trapper to help.
- Hwy 51 Culvert: A meeting was held with the County Commissioner, Houston Engineering, and DNR. The DNR indicated there is 5 feet of sediment in the culvert and wants to shut it down. A study will be conducted.
- There will be a ribbon cutting in December for the new city garage.
- Health insurance has increased.
- Cannabis stores need to be 500' away from a park. A discussion was held on what exactly a park is?

Other Agency Reports: Bruce Juntunen – Wadena Liaison: Tom, Anne & Bruce all attended the Area VIII tour and it was good.

Old Business

TSA Update: nothing to report.

Storage Building: Waiting on a few final touches and final dirt work and the water line.

New Business

2026 Soil Management Summit Scholarships: Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve 5 scholarships @ \$150 each to cover the cost of registration. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Resolutions: Discussions were held, votes were collected.

Public Comments: none

Adjourn: at 9:04 a.m.