



## MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 21, 2020 BOARD MEETING

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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, October 21, 2020 at 7:30 a.m. via in person 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 7:39 a.m.  
Reviewed the Public Health Emergency Remote Public Meeting Guidance.*

**Present in the Office:**

Chairperson: Lyle Dittmann  
Vice Chairperson: Steve Inwards  
Treasurer: Dennis Reynolds  
Secretary: Terry Greenwaldt  
Public Relations: Wayne Enger  
District Manager: Darren Newville  
Asst Mgr: Anne Oldakowski  
Administrative Secretary: Chantal Tougas  
District Conservationist: Robert Guetter

### Agenda

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Motion made by Wayne Enger, seconded by Steve Inwards to adopt the Agenda as presented. 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 Dennis Reynolds, seconded by Steve Inwards to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented, subject to audit. Opposed: None, motion carried.

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



## STATE/DISTRICT CAPACITY COST SHARE

**2020-15;** Bruce Carr; Otter Tail, Section 10, is requesting an amendment to their contract. He is requesting a change from 8 well sealings to 12 well sealings. This will increase the total authorized cost share amount from \$1,500.00 to \$2,250.00. Motion made by Wayne Enger, seconded by Terry Greenwaldt to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**2020-15;** Bruce Carr; Otter Tail, Section 10, is requesting final payment for his well sealings. The total cost of the project was \$ 4,500.00 with Cost Sharing of \$ 2,250.00 which is 50% of the total cost of the project. Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, seconded by Wayne Enger to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**2020-21;** Peter Doll; Edna, Section 8, is requesting cost share assistance for a well sealing. The total estimated cost of the project is \$ 610.00 with Cost Sharing of \$ 300.00 or 50% whichever is less. Motion made by Wayne Enger, seconded by Terry Greenwaldt to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**2020-22;** Jerry Jenkins; Otter Tail, Section 13, is requesting cost share assistance for a well sealing. The total estimated cost of the project is \$ 800.00 with Cost Sharing of \$ 300.00 or 50% whichever is less. Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, seconded by Dennis Reynolds to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**2020-23;** Stephen Johnston; Edna, Section 2, is requesting cost share assistance for a Critical Area Planting. The total estimated cost of the project is \$ 1,860.00 with Cost Sharing of \$ 1,395.00 or 75% whichever is less. Motion made by Wayne Enger, seconded by Dennis Reynolds to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

## COVER CROP

**CC7;** Matt Kunza; Edna/Dead Lake, is requesting a partial first 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 first payment of \$ 4,500.00. Motion made by Wayne Enger, seconded by Dennis Reynolds to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**CC14;** Trent Hagen; Elmo/Woodside; is requesting a partial first 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 first payment of \$ 4,500.00. Motion made by Steve Inwards, seconded by Terry Greenwaldt to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**CC16;** Gary Olson; Parkers Prairie; is requesting a partial first 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 first payment of \$ 4,500.00. Motion made by Steve Inwards, seconded by Wayne Enger to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.



## CITY MDH WELLHEAD COVER CROP GRANT

**MDH01:** Charlie Guck; Perham Township, is requesting final payment for Cover Crops at a flat rate of \$ 5,820.00. Motion made by Dennis Reynolds, seconded by Wayne Enger to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**MDH02:** Steven & Dan Loerzel; Perham Township, is requesting final payment for Cover Crops at a flat rate of \$ 1,300.00. Motion made by Dennis Reynolds, seconded by Terry Greenwaldt to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**MDH03:** Mark Riestenberg; Perham Township, is requesting final payment for Cover Crops at a flat rate of \$ 2,880.00. Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, seconded by Dennis Reynolds to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

## PRIORITY LAKES

**LP/PL1;** Richard Martin; Corliss, Section 31, is requesting final payment for his shoreline restoration. The total cost of the project was \$ 2,524.56 with Cost Sharing of \$ 1,308.62. Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, seconded by Dennis Reynolds to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**District Manager's Report:** Report written and read by Anne Oldakowski.

**District Conservationist's Report:** Report written and read by Bob Guetter. Bob also reviewed the MOA agreement. Motion made by Steve Inwards, seconded by Terry Greenwaldt to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

*8:36 a.m. Senator Ingebrigtsen joined the meeting via teleconference call*

**County Commissioner Report:** not present

### **Senator's Report:**

- Bonding bill passed
- After failed attempts to make a change, Gov. Walz continues his emergency power.
- District Manager Darren Neville asked for support for LCCMR recommendations as well as putting the District Funding back into the Clean Water Fund.

## **Old Business**

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**Water Planning:** The Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe has signed on the RCPP application.



8:52 a.m. Senator Ingebrigtsen left the meeting

**Department of Ag Update:** Nothing to report at this time.

**TSA Update:** Lyle is now the Chair of the TSA. There was a conference call yesterday. It seems there are disagreements on how engineering services should be handled.

## New Business

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**2021 Employee Health Insurance:** Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, seconded by Wayne Enger to approve switching to PEIP for insurance. Opposed: none, motion carried.

9:58 a.m. Dennis Reynolds left the meeting

**PTM App Grant Closeout:** Motion made by Steve Inwards, seconded by Terry Greenwaldt to approve the return of unused funds. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**2020 MASWCD Resolutions:** Discussed and all cast their ballots.

**Draft Audit:** Motion made by Steve Inwards, seconded by Wayne Enger to approve the draft audit to be submitted to BWSR & the State of Minnesota. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**Public Comments:** None

**Adjourn:** 10:16 a.m.

### \* Acronyms

- ◆ MAWQCP – Minnesota Ag Water Quality Certification Program
- ◆ EQIP – Environmental Quality Incentives Program
- ◆ CSP – Conservation Stewardship Program
- ◆ CRP – Conservation Reserve Program
- ◆ RCPP – Regional Conservation Partnership Program
- ◆ NRCS – Natural Resources Conservation Service