



October 18, 2023
East Otter Tail Soil and Water Conservation District
Regular Monthly Board Meeting to be held at 7:30 a.m.
801 Jenny Ave SW, Perham MN 56573

Agenda

1. Call meeting to order by Chairperson Lyle Dittmann
2. Adopt Agenda
3. Approve previous month Board Meeting Minutes
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Bills Paid and Payable
6. Cost-Share
7. District Manager's Report
8. District Conservationist's Report
9. County Commissioner's Report
10. Other Agency Reports

Old Business

11. TSA Update

New Business

12. Meetings and Trainings
13. MASWCD Resolutions
14. Public Comments
15. Adjourn



East Otter Tail

Soil & Water Conservation District

Date	Meeting
10/04/2023	Crow Wing Watershed 1W1P TAC meeting - Staples
10/9/2023	Columbus/Indigenous People Day Holiday– Office Closed
10/12/2023	Area 8 Fall Tour – Hubbard County
10/13/2023	Area 8 Fall Meeting
10/16/2023	Wadena Board Meeting
10/18/2023	EOT Board Meeting
10/24-26/2023	BWSR Academy
11/01/2023	Crow Wing Watershed 1W1P TAC meeting - Staples
11/15/2023	EOT Board Meeting
11/20/2023	Wadena Board Meeting
11/23-24/2023	Thanksgiving – Office Closed
12/11-13/2023	MASWCD Annual Convention
12/18/2023	Wadena Board Meeting – Time Change to 10:00 a.m.
12/20/2023	EOT Board Meeting
12/25/2023	Christmas – Office Closed
1/1/2024	New Year’s Day – Office Closed



MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 20, 2023, BOARD MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Lyle Dittmann at 7:30 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
OTC Land & Resource: Chris LeClair
BWSR BC: Pete Waller
NRCS District Conservationist: Troy Baumgart
District Manager: Darren Newville
Administrative Secretary: Chantal Tougas
Water Planner/Watershed Coordinator: Don Bajumpaa

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

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

Treasurer's Report: Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, seconded by Wayne Enger, to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented, subject to audit. Opposed: none, motion carried. Motion made by Terry Wayne Enger, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve the renewal of a CD for 1 year @ 5%. Opposed: none, motion carried.

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

LCCMR GRANT – P23-2944

6-P23-2944-02; David Breuer; Compton and Bluffton Townships, sections 5,32; is requesting approval of a cost share assistance contract for his forest stewardship plan. The total estimated cost of the project is \$1,430.00 with cost sharing of \$1,072.50 or 75%, whichever is less. (Consultant written plan). Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

REDEYE 1W1P – C21-3238

C21-3237-27; Ronald Wegscheid; is requesting cost share assistance for his well sealing at the Bluffton Oil Co. The total estimated cost of the project is \$ 900.00 with cost sharing of \$450.00 or 50%, whichever is less. Motion made by Steve Inwards, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.



OTTER TAIL 1W1P – C23-4546

6-C23-4546-02; David Cordes; Girard Township, section 24; is requesting a cost share final payment for his Riprap Shoreline Protection project. The total cost of the project was \$ 9,000.00 with a cost share payment of \$ 4,000.00. Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Wayne Enger to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

6-C23-4546-04; Karl Brandstaetter; Otter Tail Township, section 3; is requesting a cost share final payment for his Well Sealing. The total cost of the project was \$ 525.00 with a cost share payment of \$ 262.50. Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Steve Inwards to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

6-C23-4546-06; Bruce Christianson; Star Lake Township, section 1; is requesting cost share assistance for his well sealing. The total estimated cost of the project is \$675.00 with cost sharing of \$ 337.50 or 50%, whichever is less. Motion made by Bruce Albright, second by Wayne Enger to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

6-C23-4546-07; David Helgerson; Dora Township, section 24; is requesting cost share assistance for his Critical Area Planting. The total estimated cost of the project is \$ 3,358.63 with cost sharing of \$ 2,518.97 or 75%, whichever is less. Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

C-23-4546-05; Craig Gode; Gorman Township, section 25; is requesting permission to cancel his cost share contract. Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

6-C23-4546-08; Dan Bucholz; Gorman Township, section 25; is requesting cost share assistance for his Pit Closure. The total estimated cost of the project is \$ 26,000.00 with cost sharing of \$ 15,000.00 or 75%, whichever is less. Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Steve Inwards to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

COVER CROP – C21-3238

C21-3238-11; Doug Lang; Inman Township; is requesting a cost share partial payment for his Multi Species Cover Crop. The total cost of the project was \$ 2,820.00 for a 3-year contract with a cost share payment of \$ 940.00. Motion made by Steve Inwards, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

C21-3238-11; Justin Dittmann; Homestead Township; is requesting a cost share partial payment for his Multi Species Cover Crop. The total cost of the project was \$ 9,600.00 for a 3-year contract with a cost share payment of \$ 3,200.00. Motion made by Steve Inwards, second by Wayne Enger to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried. (*Note: Lyle Dittmann abstained from voting*)

STATE COST SHARE

2023-01; City of Vergas; Hobart Township, Section 19; is requesting a final cost share payment for their Conservation Cover – Erosion Control project. The total cost of the project was \$ 1,213.20 with a cost share payment of \$ 757.60. Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Wayne Enger to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.



District Manager's Report: Presented by Darren Newville.

District Conservationist's Report: Presented by Troy Baumgart

- CSP – Documentation due September 30th, letters were sent to procedures.
- EQIP – Continuing to certify/pay on prior year projects. EQIP 2024-1 application deadline is October 6th for new applications.
- CRP – Completed for FY23. Practice certifications and contract mods to deal with, which is mostly change of ownership.
- RCPP – Producers are completing projects. Trying to make payments as soon as possible, but the process isn't the easiest.

8:13 a.m. Warren Bachmann entered the meeting.

County Commissioner's Report: Presented by Dan Bucholz

- There will be a meeting on October 10, 2023, regarding recreational use of marijuana and how the County will be handling it locally.
- Recycling discussion was had.

Other Agency Reports: Pete Waller @ BWSR – Pete talked about the legislative changes to the State Cost Share program now the Conservation Contracts Program that will start with FY24 grants. These changes give the SWCD more flexibility in the use of the funds.

Old Business

TSA Update: nothing to update.

8:33 a.m. Don left the meeting

New Business

Meetings/Trainings: Motion made by Steve Inwards, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve those wanting to attend BWSR Academy. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Carpet Cleaning: Motion made by Steve Inwards, second by Wayne Enger to approve carpet cleaning of \$900 by Sota. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Public Comments: Warren Bachmann attended to discuss the issues on the Toad River with beaver dams and e. Coli issues.

Adjourn: Motion made by Steve Inwards, second by Terry Greenwaldt to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 a.m.