



## MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 19, 2025, BOARD MEETING

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

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

**Others Present:** State Representative Tom Murphy  
County Commissioner: Dan Bucholz  
NRCS District Conservationist: Troy Baumgart  
District Manager: Darren Newville  
Ass't District Manager: Anne Oldakowski  
Administrative Assistant: Chantal Tougas  
Riparian Conservation Planner: Marcie Peeters

**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 Bruce Albright, seconded by Wayne Enger, to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented, subject to audit. Opposed: none, motion carried.

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

### COST SHARE

#### RED EYE WBIF

**C21-3238-32;** Steve Inwards; Eastern township, section 18; is requesting final payment for years 2 & 3 of his three year cover crop practice on 248 acres. The approved flat rate cost share (for two years) is \$16,368.00 which is \$33/acre. *RE 2.0.* Motion made by Bruce Albright, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried. *Note: Steve Inwards abstained from voting.*

**6-C22-7830-04;** Ken Sakry; Compton township, section 32; is requesting final payment for years 2 & 3 of his three year Irrigation Water Management contract. The approved flat rate cost share is \$500.00/year, for a final payment of \$1,000.00. *RE 2.0.* Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Wayne Enger to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.



**6-C22-7830-05;** Ron Sakry; Deer Creek township, section 15; is requesting final payment for years 2 & 3 of his three year Irrigation Water Management contract. The approved flat rate cost share is \$500.00/year, for a final payment of \$1,000.00. *RE 2.0.* Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Wayne Enger to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**6-C22-7830-14;** Paul Peterson; Oak Valley township, section 3; is requesting final payment for his Ag Waste Pit Closure. The total cost of the project was \$23,042.11, with cost share assistance of \$15,000.00, which is the maximum allowable. *RE 2.0.* Motion made by Steve Inwards, second by Wayne Enger to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**6-C22-7830-16;** Brent Roller; Compton/Oak Valley township, section 29,2; is requesting final payment for a 1-year single-species cover crop practice on 316 acres. The approved flat-rate cost share is \$7,900.00, which is \$25/acre. *RE 2.0.* Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Steve Inwards to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**6-C22-7830-17;** Jake Suchy; Parkers Prairie township, section 20; is requesting final payment for a 1-year single-species cover crop practice on 184.76 acres. The approved flat-rate cost share is \$4,619.00, which is \$25/acre. *RE 2.0.* Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**6-C22-7830-18;** Wehking Farms; Eastern township, section 27 and Parkers Prairie township, section 33; is requesting final payment for a 1-year single species cover crop practice on 274.64 acres. The approved flat-rate cost share is \$6,866.00, which is \$25/acre. *RE 2.0.* Motion made by Steve Inwards, second by Wayne Enger to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**6-C22-7830-19;** Stephanie Yungbauer; Deer Creek township, section 28; is requesting final payment for a 1-year single species cover crop practice on 73 acres. The approved flat-rate cost share is \$1,825.00, which is \$25/acre. *RE 2.0.* Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Wayne Enger to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**6-C25-0118-06;** Bonita Birch; Parkers Prairie township, section 28; is requesting cost share assistance for a critical area planting practice on Lake Adley. The estimated cost for the project is \$2,490.00 with estimated cost share of \$1,867.50 or 75%, whichever is less. *RE 3.0.* Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Wayne Enger to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**6-C25-0118-07;** Richard and Lori Murdock; Leaf Lake township, section 21; is requesting cost share assistance for a critical area planting practice on West Leaf Lake. The estimated cost for the project is \$2,765.00 with estimated cost share of \$2,073.75 or 75%, whichever is less. *RE 3.0.* Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Steve Inwards to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

## OTTER TAIL WBIF

**6-C23-4546-37;** Michael Ruther; Corliss township, section 33; is requesting final payment for his Ag Waste Pit Closure. The total cost of the project was \$21,750.00 with cost share assistance of \$15,000.00, which is the maximum allowable. *OT 1.0.* Motion made by Steve Inwards, second by Wayne Enger to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.



**6-C25-0116-14;** Jaden Meyer; Pine Lake township, sections 27/28; is requesting final payment for a 1-year single-species cover crop practice on 131 acres. The approved flat-rate cost share is \$3,275.00, which is \$25/acre. *OT 2.0.* Motion made by Steve Inwards, second by Wayne Enger to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**6-C25-0116-16;** Jeff Wiebe; Leaf Lake township, sections 6/7; is requesting cost share assistance for a 1-year single-species cover crop practice on 42 acres. The flat-rate cost share is \$1,050.00, which is \$25/acre. \*Contract approved by Darren 10/15/2025. *OT 2.0.* Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Wayne Enger to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**6-C25-0116-16;** Jeff Wiebe; Leaf Lake township, sections 6/7; is requesting final payment for a 1-year single-species cover crop practice on 42 acres. The flat-rate cost share is \$1,050.00, which is \$25/acre. *OT 2.0.* Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Wayne Enger to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

### [IRRIGATION RCPP P23-1461](#)

**P23-1461-03;** Rick Benke; Edna township, section 22; is requesting final payment for his 442 irrigation sprinkler system. The total approved cost of the project was \$22,230.00 with cost share of \$16,672.50, which is 75% of the total approved cost. Motion made by Bruce Albright, second by Steve Inwards to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**P23-1461-04;** Rick Benke; Edna township, section 22; is requesting the first year payment for Irrigation Water Management. Approved flat rate cost share is \$500 per year, with year 2 & 3 on a separate contract. Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**P23-1461-05;** Kenny Moenedick; Perham township, section 7; is requesting a contract amendment. The original estimated cost was \$7,738.93 with cost share of \$5,804.20. The amended project cost is \$9,477.47 with amended cost share of \$7,108.10. Motion made by Bruce Albright, second by Wayne Enger to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**P23-1461-05;** Kenny Moenedick; Perham township, section 7; is requesting final payment for his irrigation sprinkler system. The total cost of the project was \$9,477.47 with cost share assistance of \$7,108.10, which is 75% of the total cost. Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Wayne Enger to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**P23-1461-06;** Kenny Moenedick; Perham township, section 7; is requesting the first-year payment for Irrigation Water Management. Approved flat rate cost share is \$500 per year, with year 2 & 3 on a separate contract. Motion made by Bruce Albright, second by Wayne Enger to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**P23-1461-08;** Double D Farms; Gorman township, sections 8, 10; is requesting the first-year payment for Irrigation Water Management. Approved flat rate cost share is \$500 per year, with year 2 & 3 on a separate contract. Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Steve Inwards to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.



## BLUFF & OAK CREEKS P22-3257

**P22-3257-05;** Ivan Reinke; Compton township, section 35; is requesting final payment for his heavy use protection areas and watering facilities practice. The total cost of the project is \$6,596.88 with cost share of \$4,947.66, which is 75% of the total cost. *50% from P22-3257, 25% from RE 2.0.* Motion made by Wayne Enger, second by Steve Inwards to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

## MISC FUNDS

**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 Steve Inwards to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

***District Manager's Report:*** Read by Anne Oldakowski.

***NRCS Conservationist Report:*** Read by Troy Baumgart

### ***County Commissioner's Report:***

- BWSR (Board of Water and Soil Resources) is looking for Commissioners to join their board.
- Next Wednesday there will be a ribbon cutting for the new County Garage.
- Digging will begin tomorrow on Ditch 25.
- The new County Engineer will be discussing the culvert on Hwy 51 with Houston Engineering. However, the MN DNR will have the final say in what will become of it.
- OTC received a grant to pick up recycling. Make sure you know what you can and can't recycle. If you throw items in the bin that are NOT recyclable, your bin may be removed.
- Twelve different roads are in need of repairs and are looking to the County for money since the County has received grants for road repair.
- Corliss Township has trapped beavers in their township. Big Pine Lake Association is going to reimburse Corliss Township for those services.

***Other Agency Reports:*** Representative Murphy was in attendance.

- ❖ Fraud! A fraud committee has been formed. So far 1400 whistleblowers have come forward with over 1000 cases. \$8 billion dollars in fraud.
- ❖ 83% of solar is going on Agriculture land. Some potato farmers will not grow potatoes on land that has previously had solar panels on it due to contamination from the panels.

## ***Old Business***

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***TSA Update:*** nothing to report.

***Storage Building:*** Water line should be hooked up next week. The building will be complete as far as the contract with Folz building. We will need to contract for some landscaping and seeding in the spring to clean things up a little.



### ***New Business***

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***MASWCD Convention Donation:*** Motion made by Steve Inwards, second by Wayne Enger to approve \$150.00 donation for the State Envirothon raffle. Opposed: none, motion carried.

***MDA JPAs:*** Darren reviewed the budget for the MAWQCP and the Irrigation RCPP JPAs. Motion made by Steve Inwards, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve Darren to sign both of the JPAs when he receives them. Opposed: none, motion carried.

***2026 Board & Staff Retreat:*** Discussion was held and agreed upon to plan a joint Staff/Board retreat with both EOT and Wadena SWCD's.

***Public Comments:*** none

***Adjourn:*** at 9:12 a.m.