



MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 20, 2021 BOARD MEETING

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 20, 2021 at 7:30 a.m. via Zoom 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 7:31 a.m.
Reviewed the Public Health Emergency Remote Public Meeting Guidance.*

Members Present:

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

Others Present:

County Commissioner: Dan Bucholz
NRCS Soil Conservationist: Mitch Neitge
District Manager: Darren Newville
Asst District Manager: Anne Oldakowski (Zoom)
Administrative Secretary: Chantal Tougas

Members Absent:

Vice Chairperson: Steve Inwards
Treasurer: Dennis Reynolds

Agenda: Motion made by Wayne Enger, seconded by Terry Greenwaldt to adopt the Agenda. Opposed: None, motion carried.

Approve Board Meeting Minutes: Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, seconded by Wayne Enger to approve the previous month 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.

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



PRIORITY LAKES

PL7/BP; Scott & Christine Hamblin; Pine Lake, Section 9, are requesting cost share assistance for their shoreline restoration. The total estimated cost of the project is \$ 3,850.34 with Cost Sharing of \$ 2,887.76 or 75% whichever is less. Motion to approve made by Wayne Enger, seconded by Terry Greenwaldt. Opposed: None, motion carried.

COST SHARE

2021-03; Mary Springer; Oak Valley, Section 1, is seeking a final cost share payment for a well sealing. The total cost of the project is \$ 300.00 with the Cost Share payment of \$ 150.00 which is 50%. Motion to approve made by Terry Greenwaldt, seconded by Wayne Enger. Opposed: None, motion carried.

2020-04; City of Henning; Henning, Section 23, is seeking a final cost share payment for 5 well sealings. The total cost of the project was \$ 710.00 with the Cost Share payment of \$ 355.00 which is 50%. Motion to approve made by Wayne Enger, seconded by Terry Greenwaldt. Opposed: None, motion carried.

Rimer, Robbie & Tamera; Dora, Section 35, are requesting cost share assistance for their Shoreline & Streambank Protection. The estimated cost of the project is \$ 34,200.00 with cost sharing of \$ 25,650.00 which is 75% or board decision. Motion to approve 75% made by Wayne Enger, seconded by Terry Greenwaldt. Opposed: None, motion carried.

RED EYE IWIP IMPLEMENTATION GRANT

C21-3238-04; Phyllis Bernhauer Trust c/o Tom Breher; Elmo, Section 12. Authorization to encumber cost share for Forest Stewardship Plan, with total cost estimate of \$ 1,082.00, cost share payment not to exceed \$ 811.50 or 75%, whichever is less. Motion to approve made by Terry Greenwaldt, seconded by Wayne Enger. Opposed: None, motion carried.

C21-3238-05; Nathan Riedel; Bluffton, Section 22. Authorization to encumber cost share for Pasture Seeding, with total cost estimate of \$ 16,570.00, cost share payment not to exceed \$ 12,427.50 or 75%, whichever is less. Motion to approve cost share made by Terry Greenwaldt, seconded by Wayne Enger. Opposed: None, motion carried.

Agenda adjusted to allow votes prior to Terry Greenwaldt leaving.

Department of Ag Update: RCPP has been signed at the state level. Supplemental agreements need drafting at this time. Motion to work on supplemental agreements made by Wayne Enger, seconded by Terry Greenwaldt. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Motion to approve staff to attend made by Wayne Enger, seconded by Terry Greenwaldt. Opposed: none, motion carried.

TSA Update: PRAP – meeting the first week in November
Arc GIS moving to ARC Pro

Hough, Inc. entered meeting at 7:58 a.m.

Hough, Inc. left meeting at 8:05 a.m.



Otter Tail River Dam Modification Projects:

- DNR sent new contract. Motion to authorize contract to be signed by District Manager made by Wayne Enger, seconded by Terry Greenwaldt. Opposed: none, motion carried.
- Houston Engineering cost will be \$264,000.00. Motion to approve made by Wayne Enger, seconded by Terry Greenwaldt. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Meetings and Training:

- Area 1 Fall Meeting: Motion to approve Wayne and Lyle attending made by Terry Greenwaldt, seconded by Wayne Enger. Opposed: none, motion carried.
- Joint SWCD Manager and WD Administrator meeting is Nov. 9-10. Motion to approve attendance for Darren and Anne made by Terry Greenwaldt, seconded by Wayne Enger. Opposed: none, motion carried.

West Leaf Lake Project Bids: bids were opened by board

- Geomorphic Restoration \$23,000
- Houle \$39,850
- Landwehr \$31,155
- Hough, Inc \$35,742

Motion to send check out to Geomorphic Restoration made by Wayne Enger, seconded by Terry Greenwaldt. Opposed: none, motion carried.

Review of Health Insurance Premiums: Staff health insurance premiums reviewed.

Resolutions: Board members Wayne Enger, Terry Greenwaldt, and Lyle Dittman voted for resolutions as recommended.

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

District Conservationist's Report: Report presented by Mitch Neitge.

Terry Greenwaldt left at 8:31 a.m.

County Commissioner Report: Presented by Dan Bucholz.

- Hwy 8 bridge construction is complete.
- Paving is being done on Hwy 34.
- Covid issues are a major concern right now; 46% haven't been vaccinated.
- Ditches: Ditch 17 (starts in Homestead and goes into Blowers), Ditch 25 going to board next Tuesday for clean up.
- Weed control on Star Lake is a current issue.



Other Agency Reports: None

Old Business

Water Planning: Covered in District Manager's Report

New Business

Public Comments: None

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned 8:47 a.m.