



MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER 21, 2022, BOARD MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Lyle Dittmann at 7:34 a.m.

Members Present: Chairperson: Lyle Dittmann
Vice Chairperson: Steve Inwards
Secretary: Terry Greenwaldt
New Member: Bruce Albright (via Teams)*

Others Present: MN Senator: Jordan Rasmussen (via Teams)
Representative: Tom Murphy
County Commissioner: Dan Bucholz
NRCS District Conservationist: Troy Baumgart
District Manager: Darren Newville
Assistant District Manager: Anne Oldakowski
Administrative Assistant: Chantal Tougas

Members Absent: Public Relations: Wayne Enger

**Bruce Albright abstained from voting at this meeting as he was not present in person.*

Agenda: Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Steve Inwards to adopt the agenda with additions.

Opposed: none, motion carried.

- Mike Cummings, Golden Eagle Campground
- Revised budget

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

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

**7:41 a.m. * Pete Guck joined the meeting*

RED EYE IWIP IMPLEMENTATION GRANT

C21-3238-14; Bolland Family Farms; Henning Township, Section 5, is requesting approval for a final payment for a Pit Closure. The total cost of the project was \$ 12,500.00 with a cost share payment of \$ 9,375.00 which was the authorized amount. Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Steve Inwards to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.



C21-3238-19; Penrose Farms LTD; Parkers Prairie Township, Section 11 & 13, is requesting cost share assistance for an Irrigation Sprinkler System. The total estimated cost of the project is \$ 68,005.00, with a cost share amount of \$ 24,040.00 or 35.4% whichever is less. Motion made by Steve Inwards, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve. Opposed: none, motion carried.

District Manager's Report: Presented by Darren Newville.

8:17 a.m. Liz Wiese joined the meeting

8:21 a.m. Mike Cummings joined the meeting

Golden Eagle Campground 2017 Shoreline Project

- Out of compliance letter sent
- Roughly \$3000.00 to buy out of contract
- Mike Cummings presented a check for \$3200, he gave more explanation of what he thought went wrong.

8:42 a.m. Mike Cummings and Liz Wiese left the meeting

District Conservationist's Report:

- EQIP: received 29 applications, deadline was Nov 18, state deadline is Feb 3
- Working on screening
- CSP: received 41 applications for 2023 classic signup, deadline is Feb 10.
- Attended several DC meetings last month

County Commissioner's Report:

- County Board rejected DNR's plan to modify the Phelps Mills Dam
- Moratorium on THC regulated by the city starts Feb 1.
- Colleen Landkamer, USDA state director, was at meeting attended. Also heard lecture on electric cars from Excel. Drove from Minneapolis to Fargo for meetings.
- Final County Budget was approved.
- Attended drainage meeting, 125 beavers have been trapped.

State Representative Elect Tom Murphy: Trying to get Phelps Mills registered as a National Landmark. Tom has worked in the ag field all his life. Currently on Transportation and Health committees.

State Senator Elect Jordan Rasmussen:

- Senate District 9: Otter Tail, Grant, Wilken, and Traverse
- Nov forecast was for 18 billion surplus
- Enjoys hearing about our projects and will be working to keep funding coming for SWCDs
- Session starts Jan 3, 2023

9:13 a.m. Jordan Rasmussen and Troy Baumgart left the meeting

Other Agency Reports: none



Old Business

Water Plan/Watershed Plan update: nothing more to report

TSA Update: Nov 3 meeting, Mahnomen is the only SWCD that has not signed the updated Joint Powers Agreement. TSA will not have any staff after December 31st.

New Business

Meetings/Trainings: Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Steve Inwards to approve staff attending Shoreline Restoration meeting. Opposed: none, motion carried.

- Joint retreat in planning

2023 Meeting Schedule: Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, second by Steve Inwards to approve the 2023 meeting schedule. Opposed: none, motion carried. (see attached)

Public Comments: none

Personnel Committee Report/Recommendations: all left meeting except board members and Darren for a closed meeting to discuss personnel committee findings and recommendations.

Personnel Committee reviewed recommendations for salary increases with the rest of the board. Motion made by Steve Inwards, second by Terry Greenwaldt to approve 2023 recommended salary rates. Opposed none, Motion Carried

Sick Leave Donations– Motion made by Lyle Dittmann, second by Steve Inwards to allow the staff to donate sick leave to donations for Jim Lahn. Opposed None, Motion Carried.

2023 Amended Budget – Motion made by Lyle Dittmann, second by Terry Greenwaldt to adopt the amended budget for 2023. Opposed None, Motion Carried.

Wadena SWCD Contract for Services – Motion mad by Steve Inwards, Second by Terry Greenwaldt to continue contract with the Wadena SWCD with the updated costs for 2023. Opposed None, Motion Carried

Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned at 10:05