



## MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 20, 2022 BOARD MEETING

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*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  
Treasurer: Dennis Reynolds  
Public Relations: Wayne Enger

**Others Present:**

County Commissioner: Dan Bucholz  
NRCS District Conservationist: Troy Baumgart  
Wadena SWCD Liaison: Nancy Benson  
District Manager: Darren Newville  
Ass't District Manager: Anne Oldakowski  
Administrative Secretary: Chantal Tougas  
Area Certification Specialist: Jim Lahn  
Administrative, Education & Outreach Ass't: Kristi Rorah  
Watershed Coordinator: Don Bajumpaa  
District Technician: Alyson Levig

**New Staff Introductions:** Alyson Levig and Don Bajumpaa were introduced to the board.

**Agenda:** Add engineering service agreement discussion under TSA Update. Motion made by Steve Inwards, seconded by Dennis Reynolds to adopt the Agenda with additions. 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 Wayne Enger, 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, seconded by Wayne Enger, to approve the Bills Paid and Bills Payable as presented. Opposed: none, motion carried.

### RED EYE IMPLEMENTATION

**C21-3238-11;** Doug Lang; Inman Township; is requesting approval of a cost share contract for cover crops. The total estimated cost of the project is \$ 3760.00 with cost sharing of \$ 2820.00 over three years, at a flat rate of \$20/acre. Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, seconded by Steve Inwards to approve cost share contract. Opposed: none, motion carried.



**C21-3238-05;** Nathan Riedel; Bluffton Township, section 22; is requesting partial payment for his pasture seeding. The total cost of the practice to date is \$13,095.30. Payment requested is \$ 9821.48 (75%). Motion made by Wayne Enger, seconded by Steve Inwards to approve cost share payment. Opposed: none, motion carried.

### COST SHARE

**2021-06;** Robbie & Tamara Rimer; Dora Township, section 35; are requesting final payment for their shoreline project. The total cost of the project was \$ 34,172.00 with cost sharing of \$ 25,629.00 which is 75%. Motion made by Wayne Enger, seconded by Terry Greenwaldt to approve cost share payment. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**2020-22;** Jerry Jenkins; Otter Tail Township, section 13; is requesting payment for a well sealing. The total cost of the project was \$ 800.00, with cost sharing of \$300 or 50%, whichever is less. Motion made by Steve Inwards, seconded by Terry Greenwaldt to approve cost share payment. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**2022-02;** Dawn and Kevin Gode; Rush Lake Township; are requesting approval of a cost share contract for their shoreline project. Total estimated project cost is \$ 10,660.98, with cost sharing of \$ 7995.74 or 75%, whichever is less. Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, seconded by Steve Inwards to approve cost share contract. Opposed: none, motion carried.

### IRRIGATION TECHNOLOGIES GRANT

**C21-9235-18;** Glen Olson; is requesting approval of a cost share contract for irrigation technology/soil moisture sensor. Total estimated project cost is \$ 3333.33, with cost sharing of \$ 2500.00 or 75% whichever is less. Motion made by Steve Inwards, seconded by Wayne Enger to approve cost share contract. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**C21-9235-19;** Carlson Turkey Farms; Parkers Prairie Township, section 17; is requesting approval of a cost share contract for irrigation technology/soil moisture sensor. Total estimated project cost is \$ 3333.33, with cost sharing of \$ 2500.00 or 75% whichever is less. Motion made by Steve Inwards, seconded by Wayne Enger to approve cost share contract. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**C21-9235-01;** Mike Dombeck; Perham Township, section 8; is requesting partial payment for irrigation technology/soil moisture sensor. Total cost to date of practice is \$ 175.00. Payment requested is \$ 131.25 (75%). Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, seconded by Wayne Enger to approve cost share payment. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**District Manager's Report:** Written and presented by Darren Newville, see attached.

**District Conservationist's Report:** Report by Troy Baumgart, see attached.

**County Commissioner's Report:** Dan Bucholz

- Meeting today on county aggregate tax, to be used for road maintenance.
- Meeting next Tuesday to finalize redistricting maps.
- DNR wants to put in new boat ramp at Devil's Lake.

**Other Agency Reports:** Wadena SWCD

- Nancy Benson will not be running for another term.



## Old Business

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**Water Plan/Watershed Plan update:** Next Otter Tail 1W1P Policy Committee meeting is April 28. There will be a Red Eye 1W1P meeting in May.

**Department of Ag update:**

- RCPP: notified by NRCS that there will be a signup starting in May, May 5 – June 17.
- Supplemental agreements not in place yet.

**TSA Update:** TSA is moving forward with the new structure concept; adding Grant and Traverse SWCDs to the Becker/EOT/WOT agreement. The five districts will share an engineer (Wes) and an engineering tech (to be hired), see attached Exhibit B.

- Motion made by Steve Inwards, seconded by Wayne Enger to approve the signing of the cooperative engineering services agreement. Opposed: none, motion carried.

## New Business

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**MAWQCP Update:** Jim Lahn presented on MAWQCP.

**Staff Update:** Received resignations from Trisha Demarais and Aimee Duchene. Positions have been advertised.

- Motion made by Wayne Enger, seconded by Steve Inwards to accept resignations. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**Memorandum of Agreement with RD Offutt:** Weather station needs to be moved as present location is no longer suitable. RD Offutt has a space available about one mile from the present location.

- Motion made by Steve Inwards, seconded by Terry Greenwaldt to approve and sign the agreement with RD Offutt. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**Office Equipment:** Discussed routine laptop and other electronic equipment replacement schedule, what to do with old computers (offer to employees for purchase or recycle).

- Motion made by Dennis Reynolds, seconded by Terry Greenwaldt to adopt equipment replacement schedule. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**Meetings and Training:** There is a workgroup meeting today.

**Public Comments:**

- Maps have been provided to the townships showing weed locations/problems.
- Received letter from MASWCD calling for resolutions.

**Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn made by Steve Inwards, seconded by Wayne Enger. Opposed: none, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:02 a.m.