



## MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 16, 2020 BOARD MEETING

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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, September 16, 2020 at 7:30 a.m. via in person 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 7:30 a.m.  
Reviewed the Public Health Emergency Remote Public Meeting Guidance.*

**Present in the Office:**

Chairperson: Lyle Dittmann  
Treasurer: Dennis Reynolds  
Secretary: Terry Greenwaldt  
Public Relations: Wayne Enger  
District Manager: Darren Newville  
Administrative Secretary: Chantal Tougas  
Soil Conservationist: Mitch Neitge  
Wadena Liaison: Nancy Benson

**Teleconference:**

Ass't District Mgr: Anne Oldakowski

**Members Absent:**

Vice Chairperson: Steve Inwards

### Agenda

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Motion made by Wayne Enger, seconded by Dennis Reynolds to adopt the Agenda adding two items under meertrings. 2021 Irrigation Clinic and Budget Committee Meeting. Opposed: None, motion carried.

**Approve Board Meeting Minutes:** Motion made by Dennis Reynolds, seconded by Terry Greenwaldt to approve the previous month 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.

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



## STATE/DISTRICT CAPACITY COST SHARE

**2020-06;** Scott & Marinela Selseth; Edna, Section 10, are requesting final payment for their shoreline restoration. The total cost of the project was \$ 3,292.55 with Cost Sharing of \$ 2,469.41 which is 75% of the total cost of the project.

**2020-10;** Dean Schultz; Pine Lake/Otto, is requesting a partial first year payment contract for Cover Crop practices. This is a three-year contract for a total flat rate in the amount of \$13,500.00 with the first payment of \$ 4,500.00.

**2020-11;** Russell Palubicki; Perham/Pine Lake/Girard, is requesting a partial first year payment contract for Cover Crop practices. This is a three-year contract for a total flat rate in the amount of \$10,800.00 with the first payment of \$ 3,600.00.

**2020-12;** Huebsch Family Farms; Otto, is requesting a partial first year payment contract for Cover Crop practices. This is a three-year contract for a total flat rate in the amount of \$10,800.00 with the first payment of \$ 3,600.00.

**2020-13;** Kevin Meyer; Leaf Lake, is requesting a partial first year payment contract for Cover Crop practices. This is a three-year contract for a total flat rate in the amount of \$13,500.00 with the first payment of \$ 4,500.00.

**2020-16;** City of Vergas; Hobart, is requesting final payment for their shoreline restoration. The total cost of the project was \$ 3,763.98 with Cost Sharing of \$ 2,822.99 which is 75% of the total cost of the project.

## COVER CROP

**CC3;** Carlson Turkey Farms; Parkers Prairie/Elmo, is requesting a partial first year payment contract for Cover Crop practices. This is a three-year contract for a total flat rate in the amount of \$13,500.00 with the first payment of \$ 4,500.00.

**CC4;** Greg Huwe; Butler; is requesting an amendment to his original flat rate contract of \$13,500.00 to a flat rate contract of \$10,125.00 due to a reduction in dedicated acres. This is a three-year contract.

**CC4;** Greg Huwe; Butler; is requesting a partial first year payment contract for Cover Crop practices. This is a three-year contract for a total flat rate in the amount of \$10,125.00 with the first payment of \$ 3,375.00.

**CC5;** Huebsch Farms, Inc.; Otto; is requesting a partial first year payment contract for Cover Crop practices. This is a three-year contract for a total flat rate in the amount of \$10,800.00 with the first payment of \$ 3,600.00.

**CC6;** Larry Huwe; Butler/Corliss; is requesting a partial first year payment contract for Cover Crop practices. This is a three-year contract for a total flat rate in the amount of \$10,800.00 with the first payment of \$ 3,600.00.



**CC8;** Dwyane Woodbridge; Parkers Prairie; is requesting a partial first year payment contract for Cover Crop practices. This is a three-year contract for a total flat rate in the amount of \$10,800.00 with the first payment of \$ 3,600.00.

**CC11;** Jordan Palubicki; Perham/Pine Lake/Girard; is requesting a partial first year payment contract for Cover Crop practices. This is a three-year contract for a total flat rate in the amount of \$10,800.00 with the first payment of \$ 3,600.00.

**CC12;** Neal Farms LP; Aldrich; is requesting a partial first year payment contract for Cover Crop practices. This is a three-year contract for a total flat rate in the amount of \$13,500.00 with the first payment of \$ 4,500.00.

**CC13;** Dan Dreyer; Ottetail; is requesting a partial first year payment contract for Cover Crop practices. This is a three-year contract for a total flat rate in the amount of \$13,500.00 with the first payment of \$ 4,500.00.

**CC15;** Austin Hovius; Thomastown; is requesting a partial first year payment contract for Cover Crop practices. This is a three-year contract for a total flat rate in the amount of \$12,993.75 with the first payment of \$ 4,331.25.

## PRIORITY LAKES

**LP/PL2;** Susan Novell; Corliss, Section 30, is requesting cost share assistance for a Shoreline Restoration. The estimated cost of the project is \$ 4,004.73 with Cost Sharing of \$ 3,003.55 or 75% whichever is less.

***District Manager's Report:*** Report written and read by Darren Newville.

***District Conservationist's Report:*** Report written and read by Mitch Neitge.

***County Commissioner Report:*** As we see what is happening in California, we understand how important the Soil and Water Conservation District is to the people of the United States. Friday and Monday we have all day meetings for budgets.

## Old Business

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***Water Planning:*** Motion made by Wayne Enger, seconded by Dennis Reynolds for Resolution to Adopt and Implement Plan for the Red Eye 1W1P. Opposed: none, motion carried.

***Department of Ag Update:*** Nothing to report at this time.

***TSA Update:*** Meeting last week. Peter Mead @ Becker SWCD has decided to take a position in the Twin Cities. His last day is this Friday. Lyle Dittmann will be the chair for the next year on the TSA as the previous Chair has retired.



## New Business

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**Employee Job Approval Authority (JAA):** Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, seconded by Dennis Reynolds to approve Aimee Duchene, Liz Wiese, and Mitchell Ness's Ecological Sciences JAA as recommended by NRCS and the District Manager. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**2020 Irrigation RCPP Proposal:** Motion made by Wayne Enger, seconded by Terry Greenwaldt to authorize Darren to write a letter of commitment for the application. Opposed: none, motion carried.

**Meetings/Trainings:**

- 2021 Irrigation Clinic – how are we going to handle meetings this next year due to Covid? One large group meeting following Covid guidelines? Or multiple small group meetings? Small groups seem to be the census.
- Budget Committee Meeting – 8:30 am in Fergus Falls. Lyle and Wayne will attend with Darren.

**Public Comments:** None

**Adjourn:** 8:55 a.m.

**\* Acronyms**

- ◆ MAWQCP – Minnesota Ag Water Quality Certification Program
- ◆ EQIP – Environmental Quality Incentives Program
- ◆ CSP – Conservation Stewardship Program
- ◆ CRP – Conservation Reserve Program
- ◆ RCPP – Regional Conservation Partnership Program
- ◆ NRCS – Natural Resources Conservation Service