



## MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 17, 2021 BOARD MEETING

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*The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Lyle Dittmann at 7:31 a.m.*

**Members Present:**

Chairperson: Lyle Dittmann  
Vice Chairperson: Steve Inwards  
Secretary: Terry Greenwaldt  
Public Relations: Wayne Enger

**Others Present:**

County Commissioner: Dan Bucholz  
Wadena SWCD Liaison: Nancy Benson  
Minnesota Senator: Sen. Bill Ingebrigtsen  
Land & Resource: Chris Le Clair  
NRCS Soil Conservationist: Bob Guetter  
District Manager: Darren Newville  
Administrative Secretary: Chantal Tougas  
Admin, Ed, & Outreach Asst: Kristi Rorah

**Members Absent:**

Treasurer: Dennis Reynolds

**Agenda:** Additions to agenda: Senator Bill Ingebrigtsen will be speaking briefly; Darren will be discussing equipment. Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, seconded by Steve Inwards to adopt the Agenda with additions. Opposed: None, motion carried.

**Presentation by Senator Ingebrigtsen**

- bonding year
- reach out when legislative agenda items that affect the SWCDs come up

**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 Steve Inwards, seconded by Wayne Enger, to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented, subject to audit. Opposed: None, motion carried.

- Final audit report has been received. Motion made by Steve Inwards, seconded by Wayne Enger to accept the final audit report. 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.



### COST SHARE

**2021-06;** Joe Riepe; Perham Township, is seeking cost share assistance for a well sealing. The total cost of the project is \$ 775.00 with the Cost Sharing of \$ 387.50 or 50% whichever is less. Motion to approve made by Wayne Enger, seconded by Steve Inwards. Opposed: None, motion carried.

Kyle Goehler is requesting partial payment of cost share for a feedlot improvement in the amount of \$ 6135.01. Motion to approve made by Steve Inwards, seconded by Terry Greenwaldt. Opposed: None, motion carried.

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

***District Conservationist's Report:*** report by Bob Guetter

- Staff working on planning for EQIP and CRP, payments/contract modification being processed
- Signup deadline for 2022 EQIP, RCPP-EQIP, and ACEP is Nov. 19
- new grazing specialist starting Monday

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

- Phelps Mill project – opening bids, Legacy amendment funds
- Covid impacts in the county include senior care nursing and childcare
- Continuing ditch issues

***Land & Resource Report:*** presented by Chris LeClair

- County is regulating solar installations, ordinance will be voted on by county board on Tuesday
- County is looking into grant/loan funding targeted for low income landowners who need to replace septic systems
- Discussed buffer policy and non-compliance issues
- Pipeline to be built to move carbon dioxide from Fergus Falls ethanol plant to the Dakotas, to sequester the carbon underground

*\*Chris Le Clair left meeting at 9:20 a.m.*

## Old Business

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***Water Plan/Watershed Plan update:*** covered in manager's report

***Department of Ag update:*** covered in manager's report

***TSA Update:*** presented by Darren Newville



- TSA is doing workload analysis; how much help will SWCDs need, how much/what services by TSA

## New Business

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### ***Meetings and Training:***

- MASWCD meeting is Dec. 12-14; Steve, Lyle, and Wayne will attend
- SWCD donation for silent auction: Motion made by Steve Inwards, seconded by Wayne Enger to authorize spending up to \$250 for items to donate to the MASWCD silent auction. Opposed: none, motion carried.

***Equipment:*** SWCD is getting quotes on vehicles, the plan is to replace four older vehicles with two new ones. Motion made by Steve Inwards, seconded by Wayne Enger to approve moving forward.

***Staffing:*** Darren will be bringing a proposal to the personnel committee for an additional staff member, to be located at the Wadena SWCD office

***Public Comments:*** None

***Adjourn:*** Meeting adjourned 9:34 a.m.