



MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 18, 2020 BOARD MEETING

The regular monthly board meeting of the East Otter Tail Soil and Water Conservation District was held on Wednesday, March 18, 2020 at 7:30 a.m. at the USDA Service Center Conference Room at 801 Jenny Ave S.W., Perham, MN. *Due to the coronavirus pandemic there may be attendance via Skype, conference call, or other method of connection.*

*The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Lyle Dittmann at 7:30 a.m.
Considering current events, the Data Practices information was reviewed.*

Members Present:

Chairperson: Lyle Dittmann
Secretary: Terry Greenwaldt
Treasurer: Dennis Reynolds
Public Relations: Wayne Enger

Others Present:

District Conservationist: Ed Musielewicz
District Manager: Darren Newville
Administrative Secretary: Chantal Tougas
Nutrient Mgmt: Nathan Wiese
Irrigation Technician: Trisha Demarais

Teleconference:

Vice Chairperson: Steve Inwards
Ass't District Mgr: Anne Oldakowski

Agenda

Motion made by Wayne Enger, seconded by Terry Greenwaldt to adopt the Agenda with the addition of check signing under Treasurer's Report. Opposed: None, motion carried. A roll call vote was held, and all members voted in favor of the motion.

Approve Board Meeting Minutes: Motion made by Wayne Enger, seconded by Dennis Reynolds to approve the previous month Board Meeting Minutes as presented. Opposed: None, motion carried. A roll call vote was held, and all members voted in favor of the motion.

Treasurer's Report: Motion made by Dennis Reynolds, seconded by Terry Greenwaldt to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented, subject to audit. Opposed: None, motion carried. A roll call vote was held, and all members voted in favor of the motion. Due to the recent Public Health emergency and the possibility of a Shelter in Place order we have asked permission for Chantal and Darren to sign Accounts payable checks at this time. Opposed: None, motion carried. A roll call vote was held, and all members voted in favor of the motion.



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. A roll call vote was held, and all members voted in favor of the motion.

STATE COST SHARE

2020-04; City of Henning; Henning, Section 23, is requesting cost share assistance for 5 Well Sealings. The estimated cost of the project is \$ 710.00 with Cost Sharing of \$355.00 or 50% whichever is less. Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, seconded by Dennis Reynolds to approve. Opposed: None, motion carried. A roll call vote was held, and all members voted in favor of the motion.

2020-05; Rita Rueckert; Dora Township, Section 31, is requesting cost share assistance for her Shoreline Restoration. The estimated cost of the project is \$ 6220.83.00 with Cost Sharing of \$4665.62 or 75% whichever is less. Motion made by Wayne Enger, seconded by Terry Greenwaldt to approve. Opposed: None, motion carried. A roll call vote was held, and all members voted in favor of the motion.

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

District Conservationist's Report: Report read as written by Ed.

County Commissioner Report: Not present

Old Business

Department of Ag Update: Wellhead areas identified. The focus has been on forming a Local Advisory team in the Wellhead areas. A meeting is planned next week, however, due to the virus conditions this may be cancelled.

TSA Update: Nothing to report currently. Everything has been put on hold.

New Business

Public Health Emergency Policy: Motion made by Wayne Enger, seconded by Terry Greenwaldt to adopt the policy presented. Opposed: None, motion carried. A roll call vote was held, and all members voted in favor of the motion.

Meetings/Trainings: Discussion of planning a retreat this summer for EOT/Wadena Board and inviting neighboring District Managers.



Copy Machine: Motion made by Terry Greenwaldt, seconded by Wayne Enger to approve upgrading our current copy machine. Opposed: None, motion carried. A roll call vote was held, and all members voted in favor of the motion.

MASWCD: Discussed possible resolution ideas

Irrigation Management Assistant – Motion made by Wayne Enger, seconded by Terry Greenwaldt to support. Opposed: None, motion carried. A roll call vote was held, and all members voted in favor of the motion.

Public Comments: None

Adjourn: 8:56 a.m. Meeting adjourned.

* *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