

MINUTES
Board of Supervisors Meeting
April 10, 2024
Wilkin Soil and Water Conservation District
1150 Highway 75 North, Breckenridge, Minnesota

Aigner called the meeting to order at 7:00 a.m.

Members Present: Ross Aigner, Chairman
 Kyle Gowin, Vice Chairman
 Jared Nordick, Secretary
 Joshua Deal, Treasurer
 Bruce Nelson, Public Relations & Information

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Diane Lommel, District Clerk
 Kim Melton, Resource Specialist
 Patrick Brejcha, Field Technician
 Eric Stroh, Resource Specialist
 Taylor Bommersbach, District Technician
 Jamieson Volk, NRCS
 Lukas Croaker, Linda Vavra, Jamie Beyer, and Jason Beyer
 (Representatives for Bois de Sioux Watershed)

Motion made by Gowin to approve the regular board meeting minutes of March 6, 2024.
Seconded by Nordick. Motion carried.

Motion made by Nelson to approve the special board meeting minutes of March 6, 2024.
Seconded by Gowin. Motion carried.

Motion made by Gowin to approve the financial statements dated March 31, 2024. Seconded
by Nelson. Motion carried

Motion made by Deal to approve Flat Rate Conservation Practice Assistance Contracts #FY24-
SHIP-055 (Nick Toussaint) The total project costs are not to exceed a flat rate of \$10,140.00
per year for conservation practices standards (#340, 328, 590, and 329). Seconded by
Nordick. Motion carried

Motion made by Deal to approve Flat Rate Conservation Practice Assistance Contracts #FY24-
SHIP-056 (Brad Toussaint) The total project costs are not to exceed a flat rate of \$10,140.00
per year for conservation practices standards (#340, 328, 590, and 329). Seconded by
Nordick. Motion carried

Motion made by Deal to approve Flat Rate Conservation Practice Assistance Contracts #FY24-
SHIP-057 (Tim A. Christopher) The total project costs are not to exceed a flat rate of
\$10,400.00 per year for conservation practices standards (#340, 328, 590, and 329).
Seconded by Nordick. Motion carried

Motion made by Nelson to approve extended Flat Rate Conservation Practice Assistance
Contracts for Soil Health Incentive Program (See Attachment 1). Aigner, Deal, Gowin and
Nelson abstained on personal contracts. Seconded by Gowin. Motion carried.

Motion made by Gowin to approve Flat Rate Conservation Practice Assistance Contract #FY24-CCI-01 (Bruce Nelson). The total project cost is \$1,650.00 with incentive payment not to exceed a flat rate of cover crop species of 50 acres at \$33.00 per acre. Nelson abstained. Seconded by Nordick. Motion carried.

Motion made by Nelson to approve Percent Based Conservation Practice Assistance Contract #FY24-03 (Brandon Carmichael). The total project cost is \$1,572.50 with cost share payment not to exceed \$1,179.37 or 75 percent of the total eligible cost to establish the conservation practice. Seconded by Nordick. Motion carried.

Motion made by Gowin to approve Amendment 1 to Conservation Practice Assistance Contract #FY23-SHCS-06 (Jared Nordick) due to change in original tree planting plan the total cost increased \$468.00. Nordick abstained. Seconded by Nelson. Motion carried.

Motion made by Gowin to approve Brejcha annual leave from June 3-7, 2024. Seconded by Nelson. Motion carried.

Motion made by Nelson to approve FY24 Farm Business Management payment to Curt Hought in the amount of \$562.50. Seconded by Nordick. Motion carried.

Motion made by Gowin to approve Melton to attend NRCS advisory board meeting in St. Cloud, MN on April 16-17, 2024 with all expenses paid. Seconded by Nelson. Motion carried.

Motion made by Gowin to approve two staff to attend National Strip-tillage Conference on August 8-9, 2024 in Madison, WI with all expenses paid. Seconded by Deal. Motion carried.

Project, program, and workload updates were given by District staff and supervisors and NRCS staff.

Croaker, Vavra, Beyer and Beyer joined the meeting.

Discussion was held regarding the Doran Creek Project easements, continuation of the project establishment and buffer alternative practices.

Croaker, Vavra, Beyer and Beyer left the meeting.

Motion made by Nordick to approve March bills as presented. Seconded by Gowin. Motion carried.

Brief discussion was held regarding office space and purchase of office furniture.

Aigner set the next meeting for Wednesday, May 8, 2024 at 7:00 a.m.

Motion made by Nelson to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 a.m. Seconded by Nordick. Motion carried.

Secretary

Date