

East Polk Soil & Water Conservation District March 20th, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present: David Kiecker, Kory Sontelie, and Ken Pederson

Other's Present: Rachel Klein, Jenna Simonson, Gabby Rodriguez, Laura Schnapp, & Joan Lee

Meeting called to order at 8:30 am by Chairman Pederson

Approve the March 20, 2025 Agenda. Motion by Kiecker, Seconded by Sonstelie.

Secretary's Report:

Approve the February 13, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion by Sonstelie, Seconded by Kiecker.

Financials:

Approve the February 2025 Financial & Tresure Reports, subject to revisions. Motion by Kiecker, Seconded by Sonstelie.

Old Business:

New Business:

Approve Soil Health Priorities & Soil Health Policy. Motion by Kiecker, Seconded by Sonstelie.

Approve Gabby's Conservation Planner Level 1 Certification. Motion by Sonstelie, Seconded by Kiecker.

Approve funding Lab Costs for East Polk Residents (estimated under \$50) for Pennington's Well Water Testing Clinic. Motion by Sonstelie, Seconded by Kiecker.

Approve providing a \$500 donation for Becker SWCD's Soil Health Bus Tour. This tour is open to one East Polk Landowner. Motion by Kiecker, Seconded by Sonstelie.

Rachel provided information on an opportunity for partnering with MPCA for 3 additional sites near Lake Sarah. Lab fees will be covered by MPCA and East Polk SWCD will provide the staff time to go collect the samples.

Reports:

NRCS Report: Hiring is currently on hold. CSP Ranking deadline is March 21st and she's had 8 or 9 applications.

Member Reports

Kiecker: No Report

Pederson: Red Lake 1W1P Policy Meeting

Sonstelie: No Report

Staff Reports

Rachel:

Meetings/Training:

- Feedlot Year End Review
- RRVCSA Board Meeting
- AgBMP Planning Meeting
- TEP Meeting with Steve
- Clearwater 1W1P Policy/Advisory Meeting

Admin:

- Payroll, month end, bills, and deposits
- Board meeting prep
- Staff Meeting: Lake Leader Prep

WCA:

- Inquires
- RLWD Permits

Jenna:

Meetings/Trainings:

- Feedlot CFO Webex
- Feedlot Year End Review
- AIS Detectors (U of M) Webinars
- Meeting with Scott (MPCA) for Lake Sarah Stream Monitoring

Trees:

- Taking Orders, Tree order reduction, Invoices & Sale Tracking

Other:

- Website Update
- Spring Newsletter Design draft
- CISMA Planning
- Cover Crop Sign Drafts

Gabby:

Meetings/Training:

- Soil Health Cover Crop and Coffee Outreach
- North Pod Soil Health Meeting
- Soil Health and JAA Meeting w/ Gabe
- Staff Meeting Lake Leader
- Red Lake Watershed Advisory Committee Meeting

Other:

- DNR Ob Wells
- AgLearn training: Planner Certification Level 1
- Training Videos

AgBMP Report: Accepting Applications!

Next Meeting April 17, 2025 at 8:30am

Motion to adjourn at 9:57 am by Kiecker, Second by Sonstelie.

Secretary

Date