

East Polk Soil & Water Conservation District May 21, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present: David Kiecker, Kory Sonstelie, and Ken Pederson.

Other's Present: Rachel Klein, Gabby Rodriguez, Jenna Simonson, Jonah Donais, Laura Schnapp, and Joan Lee.

Meeting called to order at 8:31 am by Chairman Pederson

Approve the May 21, 2026 Agenda. Motion by Kiecker, Seconded by Sonstelie.

Secretary's Report:

Approve the April 16, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion by Sonstelie, Seconded by Kiecker.

Financials:

Approve the April 2026 Financial Report & Treasure's report, subject to revisions. Motion by Sonstelie, Seconded by Kiecker.

Old Business:

New Business:

Approve payment of \$15,318.50 for trees from Schumacher's Nurseries. Motion by Kiecker, Seconded by Sonstelie.

Re-election: Dave Kiecker and Ken Pederson. Candidate filing opens May 19 – June 2.

Approve Gabby's JAA for Cover Crops, Level 3. Motion by Kiecker, Seconded by Sonstelie.

No Till RCPP Applications Approved by Rachel Klein

- 60A-2-02 (Pending Eligibility Review)
- 60A-2-08
- 60A-2-10
- 60A-2-20
- 60A-2-33
- 60A-2-36

Motion to approve Soil Health Contracts listed above by Sonstelie, Seconded by Kiecker.

Approve moving Jan Cronquist's Final Payment of \$2,972.34 from Soil Health Delivery to SWCD Aid. Motion by Sonstelie, Seconded by Kiecker.

Reports:

NRCS: Laura Schnapp provided a verbal report. It has been a busy contracting season.

Member Reports

Kiecker: No Report

Pederson: Red Lake 1W1P on May 7th

Sonstelie: No Report

Staff Reports

Rachel:

Meetings/Training:

- Envirothon
- LWG Meeting
- Arbor Day: Fosston, Fertile, Win-E-Mac, FCA
- Soil Health Delivery 25 Reconciliation
- AgBMP Training

Admin:

- Payroll, month end, bills, and deposits
- Board meeting prep
- Projects: Five new requests
- Envirothon Funding
- Tree Invoices & Pick Up Day Prep

WCA:

- Two Notice of Decisions: Mills denial and Fosston Airport Delineation
- TEP Meeting with Steve
- Site Visits

Jenna:

Meetings/Trainings:

- Envirothon

Buffers:

Trees:

- 109 orders, 8145 trees sold
- Postcards & Call List
- Order tracking & packing
- Tree Pick Up Days

Water Quality:

- Lake gauge report of damages/repair
- Annual Sonde Calibration

Feedlots:

- Site Inquiry
- ArcMap for County

Other:

- Lake Leader Draft
- WCA Inquiry Maps

Gabby:

Meetings/Trainings:

- Native Seed Wet Sites Workshop
- Envirothon

Soil Health:

- Soil Health Contracts, Mapping, and Paperwork
- JAA Review Meeting with Dusty

Water Quality:

- Lake gauge checks
- Stream monitoring

Other:

- Tree Day Reminder Phone Calls
- Tree Drop Off
- Tree Order Packing
- Tree Pickup Days

Jonah:

- Stream Monitoring
- Lake Levels
- SWAG Lake Monitoring
- Lake Monitoring Prep

AgBMP Report:

Open Discussion:

Next Meeting June 18th, 2026 at 8:30am

Motion to adjourn at 9:52 am by Kiecker, Seconded by Sonstelie.



Secretary

Date