

East Polk Soil & Water Conservation District October 23rd, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes

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

Other's Present: Rachel Klein, Jenna Simonson, Marea Gryskiewicz, and Luke Klawitter

Meeting called to order at 8:33 am by Chairman Pederson

Motion to approve October 23, 2024 Agenda. Motion by Kiecker, Seconded by Sonstelie.

Secretary's Report:

Approve the September 19, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion by Kiecker, Seconded by Sontelie.

Financials:

Approve the September 2024 Financial & Tresure Reports, subject to revisions. Motion by Sonstelie, Seconded by Balstad.

Old Business:

New Business:

Resolutions Packet – Deadline November 1. Resolution Packets were presented, and the Resolutions were reviewed and Supervisor votes tallied and reported by Klein.

Approve the Resolutions to Implement and Adopt the Wild Rice-Marsh 1W1P. Motion by Kiecker, Seconded by Balstad.

Approve encumbering funds for Cost Share Contract CS-24-21 for John Rusten's two well sealings. Total project cost is \$2000.00, \$1000.00 per well. 50% is \$1000. This project will be funded by Conservation Contracts 2024 & 2025. Motion by Sonstelie, Seconded by Balstad.

Approve First National Bank's Approval of Securities and Designation of Depository. Klein reported that this is an insurance increase for the bank account and deposits. Motion to approve, pending Kiecker clarifying with the bank that this is correct, by Balstad, Seconded by Sonstelie.

Approve accepting Marea's Resignation. Motion by Kiecker, Seconded by Sonstelie.

Approve Position Description & Job Posting. Motion by Balstad, Seconded by Kiecker.

Approve encumbering funds for Cost Share Contract CS-24-22 for Donald Carlson's WASCOB project in Queen 10. Total project cost is \$44,432.21. This project qualifies for 75%, which equals \$33,324.20. This project will be funded by the Clearwater 1W1P. Motion by Kiecker, Seconded by Sonstelie. Balstad abstained from voting as he rents the land this project is

Reports:

NRCS Report: Luke Klawitter provided an updated for NRCS.

Member Reports

Kiecker: No Report

Pederson: No Report

Sonstelie: No Report

Balstad: No Report

Staff Reports

Rachel:

Meetings/Training:

- Clearwater 1W1P Workgroup Meeting

Admin:

- Payroll, month end, bills, and board meeting prep
- 3rd Quarter Payroll
- Water Festival
- Fall Newsletter
- Position Descriptions & Position Announcement
- BWSR Academy Registration
- Cameron Lake Project Letters
- RIM Inspections Prep
- Cover Crop Inspection Prep & Payment Prep

WCA:

- TEP with Steve Hofstad
- Site Visits with Tom Hutchins
- Multiple Inquiries & Site Visits
- NOD for Wetland Delineation near Maple Lake

Feedlots:

- Inspection Prep

Marea:

Meetings/Training:

Engineering:

- 12 WASCObS in the design phase
- 3 WASCObS in construction
- 1 Side Water Inlets (SWIs) in the design phase
- Cameron Lake Design
- Surveyed Brady Kroenings site with Logan
- Prepared project requests for the TSA for all the projects I have been working on

Shoreline Restoration and Raing Gardens

- 2 site visits, 1-Maple Lake, 1-Union Lake

Other:

- Lake Monitoring
- OB Wells
- Fertile Water Festival
- Newsletter
- Putting together files and notes on projects before I leave

Jenna:

Meetings/Trainings:

- Feedlot CFO Webex
- Sand Hill River Watershed PJG meeting

Buffers:

- Field checks x3 (new plantings verified)

Trees:

- Preorder Submitted

Water Quality:

- Stream Monitoring
- Lake Levels
- Rainfall data
- Lake Monitoring

Other:

- Website Updates
- Fall Newsletter
- Cover Crop – Field Inspections
- RIM Reviews / Field Checks
- WCA Site Visit w/ Rachel
- Water Fest

AgBMP Report: No longer accepting applications. There is a waitlist to submit an application. Bridge loans may not be used at this time.

Other Discussion

Next Meeting November 21, 2024 at 8:30am

Motion to adjourn at 10:36 am by Balstad, Second by Sonstelie.

Secretary

Date