

**EAST POLK SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING MINUTES FOR APRIL 11TH, 2019**

Board members present: Al Bauer, Ken Pederson, Larry Vettleson, Scott Balstad

Others present: Rachel Klein, April Swenby, Brett Arne

Meeting called to order at 8:37 by Chairman Al Bauer

Motion to approve agenda: Balstad, second: Vettleson, approve: All

Motion to approve the February 19th, 2019 regular board meeting minutes: Vettleson, second: Pederson, approve: all

Motion to approve the February 2019 financial report: Vettleson, second: Pederson, approve: all

Motion to approve the March 2019 financial report: Balstad, second: Vettleson, approve: all

Member reports:

Balstad: Didn't make it to the TSA meeting. Jeff Haverland will be area tech and will be shared by Norman, Mahnomen, Polk, Becker and Clay.

Pederson: no report

Vettleson: no report

Bauer: AIS meeting and demonstration of the CD3 decontamination station unit. Where will we put it? Should sell kits of some sort instead of investing in a unit.

Letter of support for the pipeline should be sent to the watershed, governor, all legislature, county commissioners, paper, and Enbridge. Motion: Balstad, second: Vettleson, approve: all

Staff reports:

Klein: feedlots had year-end review with Molly from MPCA and it went well. Trainings: attended a four day UAS/Drone training in TRF, free class thanks to Pennington SWCD receiving a grant. Took the test for \$150 and passed with 88%. Attended the first Public Admin Training in St Cloud and it was very helpful. Made new contacts with other managers. Attending a wetland banking training. WCA: worked on NOD's, letters, restoration orders, and inquiries. Buffers: been working with landowners that come in and call. I looked up and called the non-complaint PW Landowners that I could. I was able to get a hold of everyone else and there are only 10 landowners and 12 parcels that are not compliant. Getting ready to start site reviews when the weather breaks and Darren from BWSR may come up and help with these. Meetings/Trainings: Project team meeting for the SHRWD, they are looking at flooding issues and are doing work to prevent flooding and improve water quality. Glacial Ridge LTT Meeting, and WRAC meeting. Advisory meeting for the RLWSD, recap of projects they have been working on and upcoming projects. Area 1 meeting in DL. Held our local workgroup meeting with NRCS to determine the priorities for the year for NRCS funding.

Hedlund (did not attend, Klein reported for her): 1W1P had 1st advisory committee meeting, MOA is complete. Red River Water Quality River watch training, received certificate for Surface Water Monitoring. AIS Meeting and CD3 demonstration. Envirothon is May 1st, helping get ready for it. Presenting on Wildlife. Lake Leader went out. Rain barrel workshop April 31st from 6-7 at the McIntosh Community Center. Presenting to Fosston, Fertile, Win-E-Mac, and the Clubhouse for Arbor Day.

Motion to approve Kelsey Hedlund as the Master Admin for QuickBooks: Balstad, second: Vettleson, Approve: All

Motion to put an ad in the Lake Directory, chose the \$250 option: Balstad, second: Pederson, approve: all.

Old Business:

Policy Meeting to update policy handbook/ employee handbook:
Tabled

Summer intern: Kris Oja hired at \$15/hour, Motion: Balstad, second: Vettleson, approve: All

Motion to purchase 50 tree tubes, stakes, and matts: Vettleson, second: Balstad.

New Business:

April Swenby: took over January 1st, 2019. Gave a hand out, 4 NRCS project that is failing, SHRWD needs old plans from NRCS.

County Geological Atlas, Nicole Bernd talked about the wells in the area. Motion to approve being a part of the County Geological Atlas: Balstad, second: Vettleson, approve: all.

Lake monitoring, purchased two kayaks for a total of \$384.73 and two paddles for \$20 each.

Clothing: Tabled

Other:

AgBMP for Scott Balstad \$21,000 Sprayer. Motion: Pederson, Second: Vettleson, approve: all

Next meeting May 9th, 8:30 am.

Adjourn at 11:07 am, motion: Balstad, second: Pederson, approve: all.


Chairman

April 11, 2019
Date