

**East Polk Soil & Water Conservation District**  
**April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes**

Board members present: Ken Pederson, Dave Kiecker, and Scott Balstad

Other's present: Marea Schommer, Rachel Klein, Jenna Wiersma, Joan Lee, Laura Schnapp, Luther Newton, and Zack Anderson.

Meeting called to order at 8:37 am by Vice Chairman Pederson

Motion to approve April 21, 2022 Agenda. Motion by Balstad, Second by Kiecker.

**Secretary's Report:**

Approve March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion by Kiecker, Second by Balstad.

**Financials:**

Approve the March 2022 Financial Reports subject to revisions. Motion by Kiecker, Second by Balstad.

Approve the March 2022 Treasurer Reports subject to revisions. Motion by Balstad, Second by Kiecker.

**Old Business:**

Vesledahl Wetland Bank – No Update

Area 1 TSA – Engineer Position Posted

Rainfall Monitoring – A few volunteers were discussed.

**New Business:**

Approve encumbering funds for Carole Larson, CAP-21-1, for a shoreline restoration, totaling \$7,940.00. 50% cost share equals \$3,970.00. Motion by Balstad, Second by Kiecker.

Approve the Letter of Engagement from Peterson Company to complete the 2021 audit. Motion by Balstad, Second by Kiecker.

Approve the City of Fosston's Wastewater Treatment Pond Replacement Application. Total wetland impact is 2.59 acres. Replacement ratio at 2:1, total replacement is 5.18 acres. Motion by Balstad, Second by Kiecker.

Rachel presented that resolutions are due June 17, 2022.

Rachel provided an update on the Clearwater River 1W1P. The draft plan is complete. Currently Open for 30 day internal review comment period. After that it will go to 60 day review for other agency to submit comments. Potential for funding will be late 2022 or early 2023.

**Reports:**

NRCS Report: Laura Schnapp started as the DC in McIntosh at the end of March. She reported that EQIP sign up had 11 applications. Second round sign up deadline is May 27<sup>th</sup>. CSP had 45

applications that all ranked low. CRP rates are high for East Polk, average rates are \$135/acre with the high end being \$184/acre.

### **Member Reports**

Balstad: Attended the AgBMP meeting. There is currently no waitlist and funding available.

Pederson: Attended the AIS Meeting in Crookston.

Kiecker: No Report

### **Staff Reports**

#### **Rachel:**

##### Meetings/Training:

- Clearwater 1W1P Planning Work Group Meeting (x2)
- SHRWD 1W1P Steering Committee Meeting
- WRWD 1W1P Steering Committee Meeting
- Manager Meeting
- RLWD Advisory Committee Meeting
- AgBMP Meeting

##### Admin:

- SWAG Monitoring Training
- SWAG monitoring schedule and equipment request sent to RMB
- MDA 1<sup>st</sup> quarter invoice
- Supervisor 1<sup>st</sup> quarter payroll
- Verizon for data plan for Trimble unit
- EDP (equipment) inventory for MCIT

##### WCA:

- TEP meeting with Steve
- 2 inquires, both require spring site visits
- 1 new Replacement application for the City of Fosston Sewer Treatment Ponds
- Spring prep, reminder/follow up letters and information letters
- One tiling project in Badger 18, RLWD permit, that may have wetland impacts

##### Feedlots:

- Registered number for 2023-2026 is 46, down approximately 30

#### **Marea:**

##### Meetings/Trainings:

- WASCOB Training with Scott Smith
- RUSLE2 Training
- Sonde Training
- Trimble Unit Training
- SWAG Training

##### Buffers:

- NON Compliance Maps

##### ArcGIS:

- WCA Setback Maps

##### Other:

- WASCOB Design with Scott Smith
- Blaser WASCOB Design
- OB Wells
- Set up tree shed

- WASCOB Site Visit with Jeff Haverland

**Jenna:**

Meetings/Trainings:

- Feedlot CFO Training
- Cover crop Webinars (x4)
- Sonde Training
- SWAG Training

Buffers:

- Parcel reviews via online / last fall records
- Spring review of 4 parcels in noncompliance set up
- Field Review Data sheet created
- Excel list of all parcels created

Trees:

- Tree Orders
- Tree inventory - finalized
- Invoices Completed
- Shed Setup

Other:

- Design of Invasive species factsheet
- Lake Leader 2022
- OB Wells

AgBMP Report: No waitlist, funding available!

Other/Open Discussion

**Next Meeting May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 8:30am. (tentatively)**

Motion to adjourn at 10:01 am by Kiecker, Second by Balstad.

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Secretary

Date