

**East Polk Soil & Water Conservation District
December 17, 2020th, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes**

*****This meeting was held in the conference room with the option for conference call participants*****

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

Other's present: Marea Schommer, Rachel Klein, and Joan Lee

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

Motion to Approve December 17, 2020th, 2020 Agenda. Motion by Bauer, Second by Balstad.

Secretary's Report:

Approve November 19th, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion by Kiecker, Second by Balstad to approve the minutes from the regular board meeting held on November 19th, 2020.

Treasurer's Report:

Approve the November 2020 Financial Reports subject to revisions. Motion by Bauer, Second by Kiecker to approve the financial report.

Approve the November 2020 Treasurer Reports subject to revisions. Motion by Kiecker, Second by Balstad to approve the treasurers report.

Old Business:

Leroy Johnson Project – Tabled

New Business:

Approve payment to Ashley and Jessie Moan from State Cost Share 2018 for Moan Well Sealing Contract, CS-18-6. Total estimate amount \$685. Cost Share at 50% = \$342.50. Motion by Balstad, seconded by Kiecker.

Approve the Fosston Airport's wetland replacement plan at a 2:1 replacement ratio for a total of 5.18 SWC wetland credits. Motion by Balstad, seconded by Bauer.

Area 1 TSA Staffing Issues: Area 1 Managers & BWSR have met to discuss the engineering needs for the area and options were provided to help Area 1 have better access to engineering services. There was a total of seven options, see handout, and the top three are below.

1. Hire an engineer between 3-4 SWCD's
2. Hire an engineer and technician for the TSA.
3. TSA hire an engineer (or technician?) for the north area, south keeps existing structure.

Decision was tabled.

Motion to designate Al Bauer as a temporary board member until a new board member is appointed. Motion by Balstad, seconded by Kiecker.

Reports:

NRCS Report:

No Report

Member Reports

Bauer: No report

Balstad: Submitted public water comments to the MN DNR for Polk County Ditch #133.

Pederson: Attended the 2020 MASWCD State Convention.

Kiecker: No report

Vettleson: Not present

Staff Reports

Rachel:

Meetings/Training:

- Clearwater 1W1P Planning Work Group Meeting
- TEP Meeting with Steve
- TSA Staffing Meeting
- Basic Hydrology Training
- MASWCD Convention
- MACFO Board Meeting

Admin:

- CARES Funding Report

Buffers:

- Landowner assistance
- Buffer check in meeting with BWSR and Planning and Zoning.
- Buffer comment letter for PWI addition

WCA: See Next Page

Feedlots:

- Inspections and year end reporting
- Newsletter

Marea:

Meetings/Trainings:

- MASWCD 2020 Convention
- AIS Meeting
- Basic Hydrology Training
- AgBMP Workshop

Buffers:

- Updated BuffCAT
- Site visits

ArcGIS:

- WCA Map

Other:

- Shoreline Restoration Maintenance Form
- Feedlot Newsletter

AgBMP Report:

Jeff Morvig, 712 JD Corn Head – Tillage Reduction Equipment, \$65,000

Other/Discussion:

Board members discussed a year-end summary report from Glen Kajewski for MAWQCP.

Motion to adjourn at 10:11 am by Bauer, Second by Kiecker.

Secretary

Date

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