

**East Polk Soil and Water Conservation District Regular Board Meeting Agenda
February 18th, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes**

*****This meeting will be held in the conference room with a Zoom meeting option for participants *****

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

Other's present: Rachel Klein, Marea Schommer, Joan Lee, Kory Sonstelie, and Darren Meyers

Meeting called to order at 8:30 am by Chairman Pederson.

Motion to approve February 18, 2021 Agenda. Motion by Kiecker, Second by Bauer.

Secretary's Report:

Approve January 21st, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes with a correction to the year, 2021 instead 2012, under employee evaluations. Motion by Bauer, Second by Kiecker.

Financials:

Approve the January 2021 Financial Report subject to revisions. Motion by Balstad, Second by Kiecker, to approve the financial report.

Approve the January 2021 Treasurer Reports subject to revisions. Motion by Bauer, Second by Balstad to approve the treasurers report.

Old Business:

LeRoy Johnson Project – Tabled

Vesledahl Wetland Bank – An update was provided by Balstad. MnDOT is looking to sell the site and the SHRWD is pursuing legislative action to provide an easement through the bank site for a county ditch system.

Area 1 TSA Staffing Issues

District 3 Board Member – Al Bauer submitted his resignation. Motion to accept his resignation by Kiecker, Second by Balstad. Motion to appoint Kory Sonstelie for District 3 supervisor position by Kiecker, Second by Balstad.

AgBMP Update provided by Balstad. The AgBMP program will continue to be run as it was. Loan limit will stay at \$200,000 and there will be no prioritization.

New Business:

Approve encumbering funds from State Cost Share 2018, for a well sealing for Ray Voxland, CS-18-7. Total estimate = \$645.00. Cost share at 50% = \$322.50. Motion by Balstad, Second by Kiecker.

Motion to approve payment of \$2,773.80 to the City of McIntosh for 2021 rent by Balstad, Second by Bauer.

Cost Share Priorities

- Well Sealing, Rain Gardens, Shoreline Restorations, Buffer Alternative Practices, and WASCBs.

Motion by Balstad, Second by Kiecker to set the priorities as listed above.

Rachel and Marea provided an update on the Lake Monitoring Program. Both the SHRWD and the RLWD have committed to another three years of monitoring. The watershed districts pay for the sampling fees and the district provides the staff and equipment. Motion to approve continuing the lake monitoring program by Balstad, Second by Kiecker.

Rachel Provided an update on where the watershed's in East Polk are at in the 1W1P process.

- SHRWD: Preparing for the grant application.
- Clearwater WD: Planning work group is ready to start Policy Meetings.
- WRWD: Working on a budget and planning to have funding this summer.

Motion to approve Wild Rice Watershed District Implementation MOA for the 1W1P by Balstad, Second by Kiecker.

Reports:

NRSC Report

Busy ranking and assessing all EQIP applications and also have one CSP renewal funded.

Member Reports

Pederson: Attended the Area 1 Planning Meeting via Zoom.

Bauer: No report

Balstad: Attended the AgBMP Meeting with Rachel at the office via Zoom.

Kiecker: No report

Staff Reports

Rachel:

Meetings/Training:

- JAA Meeting with BWSR
- SHRWD 1W1P Planning Meeting (x3)
- TEP Meeting with Steve
- Clearwater 1W1P Planning Work Group Meeting
- TSA Staffing Meeting with the Northern Managers
- NW MN AgBMP Loan Meeting
- WRWD 1W1P Steering Committee Meeting

Admin:

- Lake Monitoring Proposal/Estimates for SHRWD and RLWD

WCA:

- Notice of Application for Delineation Concurrence for Palmer Farms sent out.
- 4 Inquiries
- Working on restoration orders

Feedlots:

- Year-end review completed with MPCA. Passed with 100%.
- Re-Registration Prep

Marea:

Meetings/Trainings:

- JAA Meeting
- EagleView webinar

Buffers:

- CAN Maps
- CAN letters will be sent out February 26, 2021

ArcGIS:

- WCA Setback Map

Other:

- Tree Orders
- Rainfall Monitoring
- Lake Leader

AgBMP Report:

No Report

Other/Open Discussion

Next Meeting March 18th, 2021 at 8:30am

Motion to adjourn at 11:00 am by Bauer, Second by Balstad.

Secretary

Date