

**East Polk Soil & Water Conservation District
July 21st, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes**

Board members present: Ken Pederson, Dave Kiecker, and Larry Vettleson

Other's present: Marea Gryskiewicz, Rachel Klein, Jenna Wiersma, Laura Schnapp, and Joan Lee.

Meeting called to order at 8:27 am by Vice Chairman Pederson

Motion to approve June 21st, 2022 Agenda. Motion by Vettleson, Second by Kiecker.

Secretary's Report:

Approve June 23rd, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion by Vettleson, Second by Kiecker.

Financials:

Approve the June 2022 Financial Reports subject to revisions. Motion by Vettleson, Second by Kiecker.

Approve the June 2022 Treasurer Reports subject to revisions. Motion by Kiecker, Second by Vettleson

Old Business:

Vesledahl Wetland Bank – No Update

Area 1 TSA – Engineer Technician Position Posted by the TSA.

Rainfall Monitoring – Tabled.

New Business:

Approve payment for Paula Koeller's shoreline restoration, CAP-19-06, from Capacity 2021. Total project cost \$5,440.00. 50% cost share = \$2,720.00. Motion by Kiecker, Second by Vettleson.

Reports:

EQIP- Emergency disaster Flooding. 5 applications, with a cost estimate of \$35,250, have been ranked and preapproved for funding. Designs and contract documents are being developed. The obligation deadline is Aug. 5 for the 1st batch. Two additional applications were submitted for consideration for the 2nd batch period. Selection for funding these will occur by Aug. 4 and if selected the contracts will be obligated by Sept. 9.

During the last couple of weeks, I have accepted a handful of EQIP applications for next fiscal year. Field visits to start the planning process will begin sometime in August.

CRP renewals- all field visits were completed, and most plans have been built. Agreements will be signed and delivered back to FSA by July 29. Once renewals are done, I will start working on new CRP offers (6) and practice certifications (3 received 7/20/22).

Field visits and practice certifications are occurring. Annual food Security Act (FSA) compliance review field visits have been completed. Paperwork will be completed by the end of August.

Luther and Dusty (ARC), and I participated in a field day on Grazing & Pastured Livestock Production in Fosston. The rainfall simulator was demonstrated and NRCS programs were discussed. I participated in 2 additional trainings: soil health and soil mechanics.

Member Reports

Kiecker: No Report

Pederson: No Report

Vettleson: No Report

Staff Report:

Rachel:

Meetings/Training:

- Local Work Group Meeting
- Clearwater 1W1P Policy Committee Meeting
- TSA Meeting
- Garfield Township Project Inquiry

Admin:

- Payroll, month end
- 2nd Quarter Supervisor Pay
- 2nd Quarter MAWQCP
- 2nd Quarter SWAG Invoice
- DNR Ob Well Year End

WCA:

- Site visits
- 2 Notice of Applications for Delineation Concurrence
- 2 additional NODs for delineation concurrence waiting to be sent after updated delineation is received
- New inquires
- Site visit follow up letters

Feedlots:

- Mid-year review

Marea:

Meetings/Trainings:

- WASCOB Design Meeting with Scott Smith and Logan Handyside
- Area Shoreline Protection and Restoration Training
- RUSLE 2 Training with Kelly Voigt
- Garfield Township CWF Project Discussion

WCA:

- Site survey and maps for Mike Hanson

Shoreline Restoration and Rain Gardens

- 3 Site Visits
- 1 completed project

WASCOB:

- Finished 2 designs
- Reviewed some of Dustin Jaskens designs

Other:

- Swag monitoring with Jenna
- Stream monitoring

- Lake Monitoring
- DNR OB Well

Jenna:

Meetings/Trainings:

- Feedlot CFO Webex
- SWAG Check-in Meeting
- Area Shoreline Protection and Restoration Training

Buffers:

- 1 Site visits w/ landowners
- 2 Roadside reviews
- BuffCAT updated
- Validation of Compliance letters

Shoreline Restoration and Rain Gardens:

- 1 shoreline site visit w/ Marea

Feedlots:

- Mid-year review

Other:

- Stream Monitoring
- Lake Levels
- SWAG
- Lake Monitoring
- DNR OB wells
- Fair Board / Fair booth

AgBMP Report: No report

Other/Open Discussion

Next Meeting August 18th, 2022 at 8:30am.

Motion to adjourn at 9:08 am by Kiecker, Second by Vettleson.

Secretary

Date