

**East Polk Soil & Water Conservation District
June 18th, 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, Brett Arne and Joan Lee

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

Motion to Approve June 18th, 2020 Agenda. Motion by Kiecker, Second by Bauer.

Secretary's Report:

Approve May 21st, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion by Bauer, Second by Kiecker to approve the minutes from the regular board meeting held on May 21st, 2020.

Approve the May 2020 Financial Reports. Motion by Kiecker and seconded by Balstad to approve the financial report.

Treasurer's Report:

Approve the May 2020 Treasurer Reports. Motion by Bauer, Second by Balstad to approve the treasurers report.

Old Business:

Grievance Letter Discussion: The East Polk Board of Supervisors resolved the grievance letter presented by the Staff on February 20th, 2020 by stating that in the future if there are complaints that a formal letter is not the method that staff should take to inform the Board. Staff should instead have open communication with the Board and any issues, or complaints should be resolved in that manner.

Discussion about adding volunteers to our Rainfall Monitoring Program. The board members agreed to find 3 possible volunteers in their district.

New Business:

Approve canceling Travis Fuch's WASCOB contract, TAR-1-19. This contract was funded through the Targeted Watershed Grant, which expires June 30, 2020, and the projects have not been completed. Motion by Balstad, seconded by Kiecker.

Approve canceling Roger & Chad Hemmingson's WASCOB contract, TAR-2-19. This contract was to be funded through the Targeted Watershed Grant, which expires June 30, 2020, and the projects have not been completed. Motion by Balstad, seconded by Kiecker.

Approve canceling Roger & Chad Hemmingson's WASCOB contract, TAR-3-19. This contract was to be funded through the Targeted Watershed Grant, which expires June 30, 2020, and the projects have not been completed. Motion by Balstad, seconded by Kiecker.

Approve payment for well sealing cost share contract, CS-18-4, for Doyle Qualley for \$235.00, 50% cost share of \$470.00, which will come out of State Cost Share 2018. Motion by Balstad, seconded by Bauer.

Approve payment for well sealing cost share contract, CS-18-3, for Arthur (Pete) Benoy for \$247.50, 50% cost share of \$495.00, which will come out of State Cost Share 2018. Motion by Kiecker, seconded by Balstad.

Approve shoreline restoration cost share for William Lundberg for \$2,535.00, 50% cost share of \$5,070.00, which will come out of Capacity 2019. Contract CAP-19-02. Motion by Kiecker, seconded by Balstad.

Approve shoreline restoration cost share for Barb Seeger for \$2,535.00, 50% cost share of \$5,070.00, which will come out of Capacity 2019. Contract CAP-19-03. Motion by Kiecker, seconded by Balstad.

Approve rain garden cost share for Barb Seeger for \$1,225.00, 50% cost share of \$2,450.00, which will come out of Capacity 2019. Contract CAP-19-02. Motion by Balstad, seconded by Bauer.

Approve the return of Targeted Watershed Grant funds to be determined based on the final reconciled figures. This is estimated to be around \$4,000.00. Actual amount will be reported next meeting but this money will need to be returned by June 30, 2020. Motion by Kiecker, seconded by Bauer.

Klein presented 2020 Tree Report. There was a \$934.40 loss but that included some new shelving for the tree shed. There was some discussion about looking at tree prices in the future to help cover all expenses.

Reports:

NRCS Report:

Just submitted 5.4 million in EQIP applications—no word on funding for the EQIP yet, now working on the CSP sign up. Luther Newton was hired as the team lead for Team 2 in Crookston

Member Reports:

Bauer: No Report

Pederson: No Report

Balstad: Darren Meyers from BWSR was out and flagged all his buffers.

Kiecker: No Report

Staff Reports:

Rachel:

Meetings: (all conference calls or webinars)

- Clearwater 1W1P Steering Committee Meeting
- Wild Rice 1W1P Steering Committee Meeting
- Manager's Meeting
- TEP Meeting
- Statewide Feedlot Officer Meeting

Admin:

- Targeted Reconciliation – Actively working on.
- Finishing up reporting on Targeted. Deadline is June 30th
- Cost Share Contracts

WCA:

- Multiple larger violations currently. Also, many inquiries, applications, and site visits.

Other:

- DNR Wells

Marea:

Trainings

- Sonde/Turbidity training with RLWSD

Shoreline Restoration/Rain Garden

- 2 shoreline restoration contacts
- 1 rain garden contact

WCA

- Site visits with Rachel and Steve

Trees:

- Approximately 400 trees left over
- Updated tree mailing list

Other

- Rainfall Monitoring
- Lake Monitoring
- Stream Monitoring
- DNR Wells

AgBMP Report:

No new applications

Motion to adjourn at 9:56 am by Bauer, Second by Kiecker.


Secretary


Date