

**East Polk Soil & Water Conservation District**  
**June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes**

Board members present: Ken Pederson, Dave Kiecker, and Scott Balstad, Kory Sonstelie, Larry Vettleson

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

Meeting called to order at 8:40 am by Chairman Sonstelie

Motion to approve June 23, 2022 Agenda with the addition of the MASWCD Leadership Training under new business. Motion by Pederson, Second by Vettleson.

**Secretary's Report:**

Approve May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion by Pederson, Second by Kiecker.

**Financials:**

Approve the May 2022 Financial Reports subject to revisions. Motion by Kiecker, Second by Pederson.

Approve the May 2022 Treasurer Reports subject to revisions. Motion by Kiecker, Second by Pederson.

**Old Business:**

Vesledahl Wetland Bank – No Update

Area 1 TSA – Logan Handyside hired as the Area 1 Northern Pod Engineer. Discussed the options of reorganization of the TSA and employees. The East Polk Board of Supervisors support proceeding with Model 2B Option 1, 1 SWCD employs all northern engineering staff. Motion by Balstad, Seconded by Kiecker.

Rainfall Monitoring – Tabled.

**New Business:**

Approve encumbering funds for Scott Lundberg's shoreline restoration, CAP-21-2, from Capacity 2021. Total cost \$6,820.00. 50% cost share = \$3410.00. Motion by Pederson, Second by Kiecker.

MASWCD Leadership Program will be offered again this year and is open to Employees or Supervisors. This is a year long training that takes place from August 2022 through August 2023 in seven different locations throughout the state over a total of 17 days. Cost is \$5000/person with the possibility of scholarships through the Area 1 Association and MACDE. Approve paying for up to two registration fees. Motion by Balstad, Second by Vettleson.

**Reports:**

NRCS Report: All FY 22 EQIP applications that were funded in the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> sign-up have been obligated. We funded 9 applications for \$493,135. 14 applications weren't funded and will rollover to the next funding cycle. I am starting to become familiar with active contracts and reach out to folks to get progress reports on how 2022 practice implementation is moving forward. Some field visits and practice certifications are occurring.

While most across the state are working developing CSP contract all (54) E. Polk's were screened low. They will likely screen high and be considered for funding next year.

We received 5 applications for the EQIP emergency flood disaster signup prior to the June 17, 2022 1<sup>st</sup> batch cutoff. Field visits are ongoing, and all have been screened as a high priority for funding with obligations expected by Aug. 5, 2022. A 2<sup>nd</sup> application cutoff is July 15, 2022.

Many hours have been spent processing and sending HEL determinations to the compliance team. I have been selected to participate in the annual food Security Act (FSA) compliance review process and training is underway.

CRP field reviews and plans are being developed on the 23 offers made by FSA. Most are renewals.

I am taking advantage of training opportunities to become familiar with ag. operations and addressing local resource concerns.

### **Member Reports**

Balstad: Reported TSA Pod Structures

Kiecker: Renewed the CD

Pederson: Attended the Area 1 Meeting

Vettleson: No Report

Sonsteli: No Report

### **Staff Report:**

#### **Rachel:**

##### Meetings/Training:

- Clearwater 1W1P Advisory Committee Meeting
- Clearwater 1W1P Policy Committee Meeting
- Area 1 Meeting
- TSA Meeting
- Met with Wes Drake and Logan Handyside, new area engineer

##### Admin:

- Tree deposits and petty cash
- Payroll, month end
- WASCOB Damage Report
- CD Paperwork
- File cabinet organization

##### WCA:

- Site visits with Steve
- 2 Notice of Decision for No Loss projects in Woodside
- 2 Notice of Decisions for Delineation concurrence on new plats
- 2 additional NODs for delineation concurrence waiting to be sent after updated delineation is received
- MnDOT, gravel/clay pit north of town: CDO rescinded, and pond being filled in.

##### Feedlots:

- Mid-year review sent
- Updated workplan for 2022 with new animal numbers and submitted to MPCA

#### **Marea:**

##### Meetings/Trainings:

- WASCOB Tech Talk

- Met with Wes Drake and Logan Handyside, new area engineer

WCA:

- Site survey north of McIntosh

Shoreline Restoration and Rain Gardens

- 3 new contacts
- 4 shoreline site visits

WASCOB:

- DRAP site visits
- Mahnomen WASCOB design

Other:

- Swag monitoring with Jenna
- Lake Monitoring
- Buffer site visit with Jenna

**Jenna:**

Meetings/Trainings:

- Feedlot CFO Webex
- SWAG Meeting

Buffers:

- 2 Site visits w/ landowners
- 4 Roadside reviews
- BuffCAT updated

Trees:

- Records sent to Josie

Shoreline Restoration and Rain Gardens

- 4 shoreline site visits w/ Marea

Other:

- Stream Monitoring
- Lake Levels
- SWAG
- Lake Monitoring

AgBMP Report: No report

Other/Open Discussion

**Next Meeting July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022 at 8:30am.**

Motion to adjourn at 9:54 am by Pederson, Second by Kiecker.

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Secretary

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Date