

# East Polk Soil and Water Conservation District Regular Board Meeting Minutes May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 8:30am

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

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

Other's present: Rachel Klein and Marea Schommer

Meeting called to order at 8:36 am by Chairman Pederson.

Motion to approve May 20, 2021 Agenda. Motion by Kiecker, Second by Balstad.

## **Secretary's Report:**

Approve May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion by Kiecker, Second by Balstad.

## **Financials:**

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

## **Old Business:**

Vesledahl Wetland Bank – No update.

Area 1 TSA Staffing Issues – Balstad provided a report on the Executive Committee RRVCSA meeting that he attended. Five budgets were put together by the TSA host district and they were reviewed. The Board supports doing one year of the Budget #1 while the TSA advertises for an Engineer. When/if an engineer is hired then switching to Budget #5. Balstad will bring this recommendation to the RRVCSA Board at the next meeting in June.

## **New Business:**

Motion by Balstad, Second by Kiecker to approve payment to Schumacher's Nursery for \$6,079.00 for trees.

Area 1 Meeting and Resolutions: Pederson reported that the next Area 1 Meeting will be held June 15<sup>th</sup> at the Shooting Star Casino in Mahanomen. Resolutions were discussed.

Resolution 1: Public Hearings required for any watercourse additions to the Public Waters Map.

Resolution 2: More funding and training opportunities.

Motion to approve Resolutions 1 and 2 by Balstad, Second by Kiecker. Klein will work on getting the two resolutions formatted and ready for a final review.

## **Reports:**

NRSC Report: Conservation Stewardship Program General/Classic Signup: Assessment and Ranking deadline – May 28, 2021. Renewal Signup: Application Acceptance deadline – April 7, 2021. Environmental Quality Incentive Program. Signup 1 – 26 Preapprovals, 2 in East Polk. Signup 2 Assessment and ranking deadline – May 28, 2021.

## **Member Reports**

Pederson: Attended a planning meeting for the upcoming Area 1 Meeting on June 15 in Mahanomen.

Sonsteli: No report

Balstad: Attended the RRVCSA Executive Committee meeting.

Kiecker: Talked to LeRoy Johnson about his issues along the Vesledahl bank.

## **Staff Reports**

### **Rachel:**

#### Meetings/Training:

- District Manager Meeting
- TEP Meetings with Steve
- Clearwater 1W1P Planning Work Group Meeting (x2)
- SHRWD 1W1P Organizational Meeting
- RRVCSA Executive Committee Meeting
- East Polk Local Work Group Meeting
- Clearwater 1W1P Policy Committee Meeting
- SHRWD 1W1P Draft RFP Meeting

#### Admin:

#### WCA:

- 6 site visits
- 2 No Loss Notice of Decisions sent out.
- 1 Restoration Orders sent out.
- 2 Resource Protection Notifications Sent out

#### Education:

- Arbor Day for area kindergartens (Fertile, Win-e-Mac, and Fosston) and the Clubhouse. 160 trees distributed for Arbor Day.

### **Marea:**

#### Meetings/Trainings:

- WASCOB Training with Roy Holmes
- Northern TSA Meeting

#### Buffers:

- APO's sent out 4/30/2021.
- 2 site visit
- 1 Validation of Compliance

#### ArcGIS:

- Survey Maps
- Coordinate Maps
- 6-inch contours

#### Other:

- Found engineer contacts for TSA Engineer

- Trees Pick Up Day
- Stream Monitoring
- Lake Levels
- Lake Monitoring

**Jenna:**

Meetings/Trainings:

- Engineering Training with Roy Holmes
- Wetland elevation survey

Trees:

- Tree pick up day

Buffers:

- Assisted Marea in site visits.

WCA:

- Attended site visits with Rachel

Monitoring:

- Lake Levels
- DNR Wells
- Lake Monitoring
- Stream Monitoring
- ArcGIS Map of Water Monitoring locations created

Other:

- Lake Leaders sent out

AgBMP Report: None

Open/Other Discussion

**Next Meeting June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 8:30am**

Adjourn 10:51am. Motion by Balstad, Second by Sonstelie.

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Secretary

Date