

**East Polk Soil & Water Conservation District  
November 19<sup>th</sup>, 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, and Joan Lee

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

Motion to Approve November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Agenda. Motion by Balstad, Second by Bauer.

**Secretary's Report:**

Approve September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes with the addition of no grant applications applied for under open discussion. Motion by Kiecker, Second by Bauer to approve the minutes from the regular board meeting held on September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 with the addition.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Approve the November 2020 Financial Reports subject to revisions. Motion by Balstad, Second by Kiecker to approve the treasurers report.

Approve the November 2020 Treasurer Reports subject to revisions. Motion by Kiecker, Second by Balstad to approve the treasurers report.

**Old Business:**

Funds were received for the RLWD in the amount of \$7,800, 25% of cost share of CAP-17-1, to be applied to David's Landsverk's project. Approve payment to David Landsverk from the RLWD of \$7,800. Motion by Kiecker, Second by Bauer

Leroy Johnson Project – Tabled

**New Business:**

Approve encumbering funds from State Cost Share 2018 for Ashley & Jessie Moan Well Sealing Contract, CS-18-6. Total estimate amount \$685. Cost Share at 50% = \$342.50. Motion by Balstad, seconded by Bauer.

Approve payment to William Lundberg from Capacity 2019 for Shoreline Restoration, CAP-19-01. Total project cost is \$5,070. Cost share at 50% = \$2,535.00. Motion by Balstad, seconded by Kiecker.

Approve payment of \$2,675.00 to Pederson Company for 2019 audit. Motion by Balstad, seconded by Bauer.

**Reports:**

NRCS Report:

No Report

Member Reports

Bauer: No report

Balstad: Attended the SHRWD advisory meeting. The SHRWD is looking for a new board member to replace Vesledahl. They have 4 candidates running for this spot.

Pederson: Attended the Area 1 Meeting, they are looking for a new Area 1 Director. Pederson also commented that the State Convention will be online this year held on December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

Vettleson: Not present

#### Staff Reports

Rachel:

#### Meetings/Training:

- Wild Rice 1W1P Meeting
- MASWCD Manager Meeting
- TEP Meetings
- Water Festival Meeting
- Feedlot Regional Meeting
- TSA Staffing Meeting
- Onboard Training
- BWSR Academy
- Area 1 Meeting

Admin:

- 2019 Audit Completed
- Annual Newsletter

Buffers:

- Site visits
- Buffer reminder letters sent out by county have generated more landowner assistance calls.

WCA:

- Site visits for violations, inquires, and three delineation concurrence.
- One Restoration Protection Notice (RPN) sent out.
- Working on eight Restoration Orders (RO) that will be sent out soon
- One appeal on a wetland concurrence decision. The appeal process is through BWSR.

Other:

- Lake monitoring
- OB Wells

Marea:

#### Meetings/Trainings:

- Water Festival Meeting
- WCA Conference Call with Rachel Klein and Steve Hofstad
- 1W1P Wild Rice Meeting
- BWSR Academy
- Eagleview Training
- Buffer Training

Buffers:

- Updated BuffCAT
- Site visits

WCA:

- Site visits with Rachel

ArcGIS:

- Lidar Map
- WCA Map

Other:

- Rainfall Monitoring
- Lake Monitoring
- Stream Monitoring
- OB Wells
- Newsletter

AgBMP Report:

No new applications


Other/Discussion:

Unnamed Creek- The East Polk SWCD board would like to write a letter about the re-addition of County Ditch #133 to the Public . County Ditch #133 was taken off the PWI (Public Water Inventory) and now the MN DNR would like to add this ditch back on the Public Water Inventory. There will be two resolutions. 1. That the unnamed creek is not added to the Public Water Inventory. 2. Have a public hearing to discuss the status of County Ditch #133 being added to the Public Water Inventory (PWI).

Motion by Kiecker, second by Bauer. Balstad abstained.

WCA- Board requested that the East Polk SWCD staff update the board members with WCA updates.

Motion to adjourn at 10:19 am by Balstad, Second by Vettleeson.



Secretary

Dec 17, 2020

Date