

East Polk Soil and Water Conservation District Regular Board Meeting Minutes October 21st, 2021, at 8:30am

Board Members present: Ken Pederson, Dave Kiecker, Kory Sonsteli.

Other's Present: Rachel Klein, Marea Schommer, Jenna Wiersma, Joan Lee, and Josie Myhre.

Meeting called to order at 8:35 am by Chairman Pederson .

Motion to approve October 21st, 2021 Agenda. Motion by Kiecker, Second by Sonsteli.

Secretary's Report:

Approve August 19th, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion by Kiecker, Second by Sonsteli.

Financials:

Approve August 2021 Financial Report. Motion by Sonsteli, Second by Kiecker.

Approve August 2021 Treasurer's Report. Motion by Kiecker, Second by Sonsteli.

Approve September 2021 Financial Report. Motion by Sonsteli, Second by Kiecker.

Approve September 2021 Treasurer's Report. Motion by Kiecker, Second by Sonsteli

Old Business:

Vesledahl Wetland Bank – No update, tabled.

Area 1 TSA Staffing Update. The last RRVCSA meeting was held September 29th. Scott and Rachel were unable to attend but Jenna sat on the TEAMS meeting. Jenna reported that Jeff's new job description, pay increase, and PRAP were approved.

Per diem for supervisor pay from \$75 to \$125 per meeting- Tabled.

New Business:

Approve encumbering funds for Cost Share Contract, CAP-19-04, for Andrew Bakke from Capacity 2019. Total estimate is \$6,450. 50% cost share = \$3,225. Motion by Sonsteli, Second by Kiecker.

Approve encumbering funds for Cost Share Contract, CAP-19-05, for Eric Bakke from Capacity 2019. Total estimate is \$6,700. 50% cost share = \$3,350. Motion by Sonsteli, Second by Kiecker.

Approve encumbering funds for Cost Share Contract, CAP-19-06, for Paula Koeller from Capacity 2019. Total estimate is \$5,440.00. 50% cost share = \$2,720.00. Motion by Kiecker, Second by Sonsteli.

Rachel provided an update on the second district technician position. The position was advertised for 2 weeks in The Watch and The McIntosh Times. One application was received by Jenna Wiersma. The recommendation given to the personnel committee was to hire Jenna at \$17/hr and to make the pay and full-time status retroactive to October 4th, 2021, her 6-month anniversary from her hire date as an intern. Motion by Kiecker, Second by Sonsteliie.

Reports:

NRSC Report- No Report

Member Reports

Ken: discussed the Area 1 Meeting schedule November 16th, 2021. East Polk SWCD will be the new host district. Pederson also participated in a planning committee.

Kory: No report

Dave: Has talked to Leroy Johnson about the Vesledahl Wetland Bank. Leroy was looking for an update on the project, but the project is still on hold.

Scott: No report

Larry: No Report

Staff Report:

Rachel:

Meetings/Training:

- Clearwater 1W1P Meeting (x3)
- TEP Meeting with Steve (x2)
- TEP Meeting with Tom
- WRWD 1W1P Meeting (x2)
- Post Glacial Ridge Invasive Weed Meeting
- County Board Meeting

WCA:

- Twelve site visits (inquiries & violations)
- No Loss NOD
- New violation on Maple
- Restoration Order Appeal – landowner has rescinded appeal
- RPN sent out
- 3 New applications – delineation concurrences

Feedlots:

- Mid-Year Review
- Inspection Assistance with MPCA
- Work Plan
- Regional Meeting

Admin/Other:

- Month end
- Updated all position descriptions
- Posted district technician job
- Water Festival
- AgBMP, three funded applications in East Polk

Marea:

Meetings/Trainings:

- TSA Area 1 Meeting
- WASCOB Training
- Wetland Delineation Training
- Buffer Training
- Survey Training
- TEP Meeting with Rachel and Steve

Buffers

- 2 site visits
- 2 validation of compliance letters
- Updated BuffCAT

ArcGIS:

- Hideaway Cove Maps
- Shoreline Restoration Maps
- Earl Road Ditch Maps

Shoreline/Rain Gardens:

- 1 site on Union Lake
- 1 site visit on Oak Lake

WCA:

- Reviewed delineation reports
- 1 site visit with Rachel
- Surveyed Earl Roed's ditch

Other

- Lake Monitoring
- Finished Mike Grandbois WASCOB Design
- 2021 Waterfest
- Preordered trees
- Started working on the 2021 Newsletter

Jenna:

Meetings/Trainings:

- Feedlot Training
- WCA – Soils Training with Steve and Rachel
- Invasive Species workshop ○ Follow up mailer created – mailed out

- Prep for BWSR Academy

Buffers:

- Monitoring: ○ Area 1 - Complete
- Area 2 - Complete
- Area 3 – Complete ▪ Marea and Rachel assisted with review
- BuffCAT Updated ○ Data entry - findings from field checks
- Annual update of statuses for all parcels

Shoreline/Rain Gardens:

- Attended 2 site visit with Marea
- Map created to display project records ○ New inquiries, past inquiries, in progress projects, and completed projects
- Architect Model of design plan created for Cronquist project

Trees:

- Preorder numbers set, and order placed ○ Waitlisted for handful of species
- New order form created and put on website
- Garage cleaned and prepped for spring / trees

Other:

- Enter Rainfall Data
- Lake Levels
- Stream Monitoring – Completed for the year
- Calibrate Sonde
- Prep/ planning for assisting Pennington with Education Days
- Water Fest

AgBMP Report: No report

Other/Open Discussion

Joan Lee: Public Water ruling in favor of the DNR for Renville County. She also gave an update on the Enbridge tax issue.

Next Meeting November 18th, 2021 at 8:30am

Adjourn 9:42 am. Motion by Sonsteliie, Second by Kiecker.