

East Polk Soil & Water Conservation District June 13th, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes

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

Other's present: Rachel Klein, Marea Gryskiewicz, Emily Strom, and Laura Schnapp

Meeting called to order at 8:49 am by Vice Chairman Sonstelie

Motion to approve June 13, 2024 Agenda. Motion by Balstad, Second by Kiecker.

Secretary's Report:

Approve May 16, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion by Kiecker, Second by Balstad.

Financials:

Approve the May 2024 Financial & Treasure Reports subject to revisions. Motion by Balstad, Second by Kiecker.

Old Business:

New Business:

Approve encumbering cost share Contract, CS-24-12, for Glenda Strand's well sealing. Total Project Cost is \$1000. 50% cost share is \$500. This project will be funded by Cost Share 2022 & Cost Share 2023. Motion by Balstad, Second by Kiecker.

Approve payment for Cost Share Contract, CS-24-08, for Chad Hemmingsen's well sealing. Total project cost is \$1000. 50% is \$500. Encumbered amount was \$500. This project is funded by Cost Share 2022. Motion by Balstad, Second by Kiecker.

Approve payment for Cost Share Contract, CS-24-02, for Mark Strom's well sealing. Total project cost is \$1100. Encumbered amount was \$487.50. Payment amount will be \$487.50. This project is funded by Cost Share 2022. Motion by Balstad, Second by Kiecker.

Red Lake River 1W1P Resolution to be added to the MOA. Motion by Balstad, Second by Kiecker.

Red Lake River 1W1P Resolution to Adopt the Plan and appoint a Ken Pederson as a Policy Member. Motion by Balstad, Second by Kiecker.

Approve Resolutions – Motion by Balstad, Second by Kiecker.

- Buffer Penalty Resolution
- DNR Public Water Map Revision Process Resolution

CD Update: Dave enrolled the CD for 7 months at a rate of 4.8%. Rachel contacted Brett Arne, BWSR, and Joise Myhre about the potential for an additional CD. Brett said that CD's are allowed but recommended that we estimate a fund balance. The recommended fund balance for a SWCD is 3-6 months of operating cost. An estimated fund balance was requested but not provided for this meeting.

Balstad proposed \$100,000 for 7 months. Motion to approve putting \$100,000 in a short term CD by Balstad, Second by Kiecker.

Reports:

NRCS Report: EQIP- Contract building for the most part. Activities are starting to pick up re: contract management and field visits for practice certifications.

CSP- An additional CSP app was selected for funding (5 total). 2 have been obligated, 1 ready to be signed, and the last 2 need contract built still.

CRP- The 13 offers reported last month are still waiting for planning.

Member Reports

Balstad: No Report

Kiecker: No Report

Sonstelie: No Report

Staff Reports

Rachel:

Meetings/Training:

- Feedlot Workgroup Meeting
- Feedlot Regional Meeting

Admin:

- Payroll, month end, board meeting prep
- Lake Leader Mailed
- Resolutions
- Red Lake River 1W1P Resolutions
- Fund Balance and CD information
- 1st Quarter Invoices sent out (SHRWD 1W1P Planning Grant, MDA, RLWD, Clearwater 1W1P, Joise for PERA Late Fees)
- Supervisor Payroll for 1st Quarter
- 2024 Lake Monitoring Contract with the RLWD
- Tree Order Financials
- Intern Orientation
- Kroening Project

WCA:

- One replacement application submitted, not complete
- One Delineation Concurrence Submitted
- One Delineation Concurrence waiting on the Consultant for an updated delineation map
- TEP Meeting with Steve
- Restoration Order Sent to Russell Emerson

Marea:

Meetings/Training:

Engineering:

- 7 WASCObS in the design phase
- 1 Side Water Inlets (SWIs) in the design phase
- Cameron Lake Design

Other:

- Lake Monitoring
- OB Wells

Jenna:

Meetings/Trainings:

Buffers:

- Site review x3
- Field Flagged x1
- BuffCAT training with Emily

Water Quality:

- Stream Monitoring
- Lake Levels
- Lake Monitoring
- Rainfall data

Other:

- Late tree pickups
- Tree info to Josie

Emily: (Intern) – Started June 3rd

- Updating BuffCat
- Training Videos
- Lake Levels
- Tree Invoices

AgBMP Report: No longer accepting applications. There is a waitlist to submit an application. Bridge loans may not be used at this time.

Other Discussion:

Kroening: Rachel provided an update. Brady has been contacted and is interested in doing a project. A project request form was filled out and submitted to the North Pod TSA/Pennington SWCD. Next step will be an organized site visit with all parties.

Red Lake SWCD Soil Health Position: The soil health position as a part of the Share Services Agreement has been filed and that applicant will be starting mid July.

Next Meeting July 18th, 2024 at 8:30am

Motion to adjourn at 10:16 am by Balstad, Second by Kiecker.

Secretary

Date