

East Polk Soil & Water Conservation District September 19th, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes

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

Other's present: Rachel Klein, Jenna Simonson, Laura Schnapp and Joan Lee

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

Motion to approve September 19, 2024 Agenda. Motion by Kiecker, Seconded by Sonstelie.

Secretary's Report:

Approve August 15, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion by Kiecker, Seconded by Sonstelie.

Financials:

Approve the August 2024 Financial & Treasure Reports subject to revisions. Motion by Sonstelie, Seconded by Kiecker.

Old Business:

New Business:

Approve the 2024 Lease Agreement and Office Rent of \$2,973.80. Motion by Sonstelie, Seconded by Vettleson.

Discussion was had on the \$100 check from May 1999 was cashed by the bank for Brent's Septic.

Approve encumbering funds for Cost Share Contract CS-24-19 for John Schmelbach's well sealing. Total project cost is \$975.00. 50% is \$487.50. This project will be funded by Conservation Contracts 2025. Motion by Sonstelie, Seconded by Vettleson.

Approve encumbering funds for Cost Share Contract CS-24-16 for Mike Voxland's two well sealings. Total project cost for well #1 is \$875.00. 50% is \$437.50. Total project cost for well #2 is \$1375.00. 50% is \$687.50. Total encumbered amount is \$1125.00 This project will be funded by Conservation Contracts 2024. Motion by Vettleson, Seconded by Kiecker.

Clearwater SWCD Agreement for Soil Health Services. Motion by Vettleson, Seconded by Sonstelie.

Audit Update: Rachel provided an update on the audit. There has still not been anything uploaded. At the recommendation of the Board a letter was drafted and reviewed. Motion to approve sending the letter by Vettleson, Seconded by Sonstelie.

Projects Rachel Signed off on:

- Chris Klinkhammer's Cover Crops
 - o 53 Acres of Cover Crops for a total of \$2,120.00 from Soil Health Delivery Grant
- Dean Murphy's Cover Crops
 - o 80 acres of Cover Crops for a total of \$3200.00 encumbered from Soil Health Delivery Grant

Cover Crop Payments: Motion to approve payments on the soil health practices, pending field checks, by Sonstelie, Seconded by Vettleson.

- CS-24-10: Matthew Voxland – 80 acres at \$3200 (no till & Cover Crops). Funded by Soil Health 23
- CS-24-17: Dean Murphy – 80 acres at \$3200. Funded by Soil Health Delivery Grant.
- CS-24-18: Chris Klinkhammer – 53 acres at \$2120. Funded by Soil Health Delivery Grant.
- CS-24-15: Mark Nelson – 80 acres at \$3200. Funded by Conservation Contracts 2024.
- CS-24-13: Kris Rue – 80 acres at \$3200. Funded by Conservation Contracts 2024.

Richard Larson Project Discussion: Rachel provided an update on this project and presented estimates on two different scenarios. Option 1 is to pay just for the outlet on Richard Larson's land. Option 2 is to do the outlet and include fixing a basin on Chester Smeby's property as well. There is not a sign cost share application yet and funding sources will need to be explored. Option one was the estimate that the board was most interested in pursuing at this time.

Reports:

NRCS Report:

Member Reports

Kiecker: No Report

Pederson: No Report

Sonstelie: No Report

Vettleson: No Report

Staff Reports

Rachel:

Meetings/Training:

- County Board Meeting
- Clearwater 1W1P Workgroup Meeting
- Red Lake 1W1P
- Soil Health Meeting with Red Lake's shared soil health position, Gabe.

Admin:

- Payroll, month end, bills, and board meeting prep
- Cameron Lake Competitive Grant Application Submitted
- Cost Share Applications and Inquiries
- Soil Health Delivery Grant Agreement Executed & Work Plan Completed
- Audit Prep
- Water Festival Prep
- Fall Newsletter Prep

WCA:

- Application for Delineation Concurrence near Maple Lake Submitted
- TEP with Steve and DNR Wildlife
- Multiple Inquiries & Site Visits

Marea:

Meetings/Training:

Engineering:

- 10 WASCObS in the design phase

- 3 WASCBS ready for construction
- 1 Side Water Inlets (SWIs) in the design phase
- Cameron Lake Design

Other:

- Lake Monitoring
- Outdoor Education Day

Jenna:

Meetings/Trainings:

- Feedlot CFO Webex

Buffers:

- Validation of Compliance Letter
- Seed / rate discussion with Landowner
- BuffCAT data review

Water Quality:

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

Other:

- Website Updates
- Fall Newsletter
- Inquiry of Data – USFWS
- CRP Vegetation Surveys

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:

Next Meeting October 17th, 2024 at 8:30am

Motion to adjourn at 10:56 am by Vettleson, Second by Sonsteli.

Secretary

Date