

East Polk Soil & Water Conservation District May 22nd, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present: David Kiecker, Scott Balstad, Larry Vettleson and Kory Sonstelie

Other's Present: Rachel Klein, Jenna Simonson, Gabby Rodriguez, & Joan Lee

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

Approve the May 22, 2025 Agenda. Motion by Kiecker, Seconded by Vettleson.

Secretary's Report:

Approve the April 17, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion by Kiecker, Seconded by Vettleson.

Financials:

Approve the April 2025 Financial & Treasurer's Reports, subject to revisions. Motion by Vettleson, Seconded by Sonstelie.

Old Business:

Soil Health RCPP Funds – Expected after July 1st

New Business:

Approve encumbering funds for Larry's SWIs. Total project cost is \$20,808.00. 75% cost share is \$15,606.00. This project will be funded by Clearwater 1W1P. Project is located in Chester 14 & 15. Motion by Kiecker, Seconded by Sonstelie.

Approve encumbering funds for Branden Clark's Well Sealing, CS-25-09. Total project cost is \$1,875.00. 50% cost share would be \$937.50. This project will be funded by Cost Share Contract 2025. Motion by Kiecker, Seconded by Vettleson.

No Till Contract Approved:

- CS-25-10 Matt Voxland – 89 Acres. \$4,450
 - o Planted 5/6/2025
- CS-25-11 Mike Voxland – 100 acres. \$5,000
 - o Planted 5/7/2025
- CS-25-04 Kris Rue - 300 acres. \$15,000
 - o Haven't been notified of planting dates. No Payment Approval needed yet.

Approve payments for No Till Contracts CS-25-10 and CS-25-11 at above rates. These projects will be funded by Soil Health Delivery 2025. Motion by Vettleson, Seconded by Sonstelie.

Approve amendment for Brain Anderson's Cover Crop Contract, CS-25-01. His contract was approved at the previous Soil Health rates. Current amount is \$1600 and will update to \$2400. This is funded by Soil Health Delivery 2025. Motion by Vettleson, Seconded by Sonstelie.

Approve payment to Schumacher's Nursery for \$14,328.66. Motion by Vettleson, Seconded by Sonstelie.

Review & Approve Feedlot Year End Review. Motion by Kiecker, Seconded by Vettleson.

Resolutions. No resolutions brought forward.

Reports:

NRCS Report: EQIP FY25 & CSP FY25 Classic – E. Polk’s contracting is complete unless more funding comes in. A lot of time spent processing FSA HEL determination requests, generated by FSA through the imagery review process. I participated in the NW Area Envirothon. LWG meeting was completed. I’m starting to schedule field visits for new planning.

Trainings in progress: Prescribed grazing, wind erosion prediction system (WEPS)

Member Reports

Kiecker: No Report

Pederson: No Report

Vettleson: No Report

Sonsteli: No Report

Staff Reports

Rachel:

Meetings/Training:

- LWG Meeting
- Clearwater River SWAG Meeting
- Polk County Discovery Follow Up Meeting
- SHR 1W1P Advisory Meeting
- Envirothon
- Bird Buffet Activity
- Arbor Day

Admin:

- Payroll, month end, bills, and deposits
- Board meeting prep
- Lake Leader Prep
- Lake Monitoring Prep: Contact Landowners for access and enrolled lakes with RMB.

Projects:

- Soil Health
- Shoreline Restoration & Rain Garden Project Review

WCA:

- Inquires
- RLWD Permits
- Restoration Order Prep

Other:

- Lake Monitoring
- Tree Order Packing & Pick Up Day

Jenna:

Meetings/Trainings:

- Feedlot CFO Webex
- Clearwater River SWAG Meeting
- Envirothon

Trees:

- Tree Order Packing
- Tree Pick Up Day

Water Quality:

- Lake Level Gage review
- Ran Stream Monitoring Route

Other:

- Website Update
- Spring Newsletter Design draft
- Cover Crop Signs
- Lake Monitoring

Gabby:

Meetings/Training:

- Soil Health JAA Meeting
- Cover Crop Technical Training
- Envirothon

Soil Health:

- Cover Crop and No-Till Projects

Shoreline and Rain Garden:

- Site Visits

Water Quality

- Lake Level Gage review
- Ran Stream Monitoring Route
- Lake Monitoring

Other:

- Tree Order Invoices & Packing

AgBMP Report: Accepting Applications!

Next Meeting June 19th, 2025 at 8:30am

Motion to adjourn at 9:38 am by Vettleson, Second by Kiecker.

Secretary

Date