

EAST POLK SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
August 16, 2018

Board Members Present: Al Bauer, Ken Pederson, Bruce Grundyson and Scott Balstad. Absent: Larry Vettleson.

Others Present: Lisa Erickson-District Manager, Jenna Schommer-Administrative Assistant, Kelsey Hedlund-District Technician, Rachel Klein-District Technician, and Joan Lee-Polk County Commissioner.

Meeting called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Vice Chairman: Al Bauer.

Motion to approve the Agenda: Bruce Grundyson, Seconded: Ken Pederson. Affirmative-all. Opposed-none. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the July 19, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes: Ken Pederson, Seconded: Bruce Grundyson Affirmative-all. Opposed-none. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the June and July 2018 Financial Report: Bruce Grundyson, Seconded: Bruce Grundyson Affirmative-all. Opposed-none. Motion carried.

**NRCS Report:**

No reports.

**Member Report:**

Ken Pederson reported Dan from Sandhill River Watershed is retiring; will be looking for replacement next month.

Al Bauer reported that parking lot will soon be paved and the city will place rock in between the parking lot and the district shed. Attended the AIS meeting and would like to see the money used to further education to the public on aquatic invasive species threats and prevention instead of purchasing a mobile boat cleaning unit for \$28,000.

Scott Balstad reported on the Sand Hill River Watershed advisory meeting, and mentioned that the watershed has decided to pull out of the Red River Basin Committee.

**Staff Report:**

Lisa Erickson has been lake monitoring and working on 2 grants for Cameron Lake and the Clearwater River Watershed. Discussed a failing old NRCS project within a private ditch system in the Sand Hill Watershed; Lisa will talk to Luke, Jim and Roy to coordinate efforts to see what can be done. There are three wetland violations on Union Lake with violations and one on Cable

Lake. Expressed concern over educating the public on shoreland rules, possibly work with DNR and Polk County Environmental Services to put together educational material to be distributed.

Schommer reported W-2 taxes were calculated incorrectly for the full year of 2017 through present. The district has to cover the difference we owe to the IRS for amount of \$2,125.35. Approved Scott Balstad. Second: Bruce Grundyson.

Klein has been busy working on Buffers, lake monitoring, and feedlot. Klein is setting up meeting with Jake to go over current status of buffers in the county.

Hedlund reported rainfall data, updated the river monitoring sheets, trained on water monitoring with Erickson, and completed monitoring on her own. Reviewed lake monitoring with Klein and went out to review possible fringe wetland violations on Union Lake.

**Old Business:**

Full-time position policy – tabled until next meeting.

Rachel Klein 6 month review has been decided no wage increase and doing great job.

**New Business:**

Approve Tom Conanati well sealing out of capacity 2016 funds for \$300.00. Approved Scott Balstad. Second: Ken Pederson.

Next meeting **September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.**

Motion to adjourn at 9:45 a.m.