

EAST POLK SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
August 17, 2017

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

Others Present: Lisa Newton-District Manager, Karla Byklum-Administrative Assistant, David Marshall-Engineering Technician, Sarah Mielke-District Technician, Nicole Bernd-West Polk District Manager, Steve Hofstad-BWSR, Dale Krystosek-BWSR, Brett Arne-BWSR, and Joan Lee-Polk County Commissioner.

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

Motion to approve the July 13, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes: Bruce Grundyson, Seconded: Ken Pederson. Affirmative-all. Opposed-none. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the July 2017 Financial Report: Bruce Grundyson, Seconded: Ken Pederson. Affirmative-all. Opposed-none. Motion carried.

NRCS Report:

None

Member Report:

Ken Pederson reported on attending the Targeted Watershed "Open House" meeting on August 16th and the Farm Fest in Red Lake Falls.

Staff Reports:

Marshall reported on attending the Targeted Watershed "Open House" meeting yesterday at the McIntosh Community Center, he had a lot of Buffer questions from the public. Jim Hest was here reviewing water and sediment basins.

Byklum reported that all the financials/information have been given to Peterson for the audit for 2016. Was at the Targeted "Open House" yesterday. Michael Madson's, Conservation Corp. Apprentice, last day was Friday, August 4th. The Detco tree planter was sold to Earl Roed on Steffes for \$1,525.00. All the grants have been reconciled on an excel spreadsheet.

Newton reported she has applied for another CWF grant. Been working with Byklum on the budget and Power Point presentation for the Polk County board meeting that will be held on

August 22nd. The office is now a pickup and drop off site for RMB Environmental Laboratory for water testing.

Mielke reported working on updating files. A total of 73 Feedlot registration applications have been returned out of 95. Completed 1 Feedlot inspection, the feedback has been very positive. Will be working with Becker SWCD on a Lake Shore Restoration program/certification. Would like to increase public education through community events/flyers/ brochures and do the Lake Leader newsletter twice a year.

Old Business:

Dale Krystosek reviewed the Level II Performance Review, Local Government Unit, Draft Report reviewed. Newton will send a comment letter within 30 days for their review.

New Business:

Motion by Ken Pederson to encumber funds for Weed Management for Tilden/Grove Park Township. Seconded by Bruce Grundyson. Affirmative-all. Opposed-none. Motion carried.

Motion by Ken Pederson to designate signing authority for Buffers to the staff. Seconded by Bruce Grundyson. Affirmative-all. Opposed-none. Motion carried.

Motion by Al Bauer to pay Queen Township for Weed Management, total cost of practice \$2,799.26 at 75% cost share at \$2,099.45. Seconded by Bruce Grundyson. Affirmative-all. Opposed-none. Motion carried.

Motion by Bruce Grundyson to encumber Travis Fuchs 2 projects, CWF 15-06, (Winger Township/Township 147N/Range 42W/Section 28) at Total Project Cost of \$8,382.11 at 75% Cost Share of \$6,286.58. Project CWF 15-06-2 (Winger Township/Township 147N/Range 42W/Section 28) at Total Project Cost of \$65,291.60 at 75% Cost Share of \$48,968.70. Seconded by Ken Pederson. Affirmative-all. Opposed-none. Motion carried.

Motion by Ken Pederson to encumber CWF 15 funds for Jim Iverson/Iverson Farms (Winger Township/Township 147/Range 42/Section 28) at Total Project Cost of \$14,751.60 at 75% Cost Share of \$11,063.70. Seconded by Bruce Grundyson. Affirmative-all. Opposed-none. Motion carried.

Next monthly board meeting will be held on Thursday, September 21, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.

