

East Polk Soil & Water Conservation District June 19th, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present: David Kiecker, Scott Balstad, and Ken Pederson.

Other's Present: Rachel Klein & Joan Lee

Meeting called to order at 8:40 am by Chairman Pederson

Approve the June 19, 2025 Agenda. Motion by Balstad, Seconded by Kiecker.

Secretary's Report:

Approve the May 22, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion by Balstad, Seconded by Kiecker.

Financials:

Approve the May 2025 Financial & Treasurer's Reports, subject to revisions. Motion by Balstad, Seconded by Kiecker.

Old Business:

New Business:

Approve encumbering funds for Rick Roed's WASCB project, CS-25-05. Total project cost is \$90,381.03. 90% cost share is \$81,342.93. This project will be funded by Clearwater 1W1P. Project is located in Hill River 25. Motion by Balstad, Seconded by Kiecker.

Approve payment for Kris Rue's No-till Soil Health Project, CS-25-04. 300 acres located in multiple sections in Lessor Township. Total project cost and payment is \$15,000. This application is funded by Soil Health Delivery 2025. Motion by Balstad, Seconded by Kiecker.

Designate a new paper for the Official Newspaper (McIntosh Times is retired). Approve 13 Towns and Fertile Journal as the Official Paper. Motion by Balstad, Seconded by Kiecker.

Gabby's 6-Month Review – Scheduled for June 26th at 10am.

Reports:

CSP FY25 Classic – Another application was selected for funding (2 total). A few days was spent in a neighboring field office assisting with building CSP agreements.

I participated in the Turtle Lake Connection meeting that was at the SWCD office.

EQIP and CSP practice inspections and certifications are ongoing.

New field visits for new conservation plans

A lot of time spent on CRP practice eligibility checks for the most recent sign-up. We received 25 offers between May 12-June 6. Statewide ~ 3,000 offers.

Member Reports

Kiecker: No Report

Pederson: Sand Hill River 1W1P Policy Meeting

Balstad: No Report

Staff Reports

Rachel:

Meetings/Training:

- SHR 1W1P Steering & Policy Meeting
- TEP Meeting with Steve
- Area 1 Meeting
- TEP Meeting with DNR Wildlife

Admin:

- Payroll, month end, bills, and deposits
- Board meeting prep
- Lake Leader

WCA:

- Inquires
- RLWD Permits
- Restoration Order
- Ag Bank Application Approved

Other:

- Lake Monitoring

Jenna:

Meetings/Trainings:

- Feedlot CFO Webex
- Feedlot Regional Meeting

Trees:

- Tree Pick Completed

Water Quality:

- Lake Monitoring
- SWAG Lake Monitoring
- Stream Monitoring & Lake Level

Other:

- Lake Leader

Gabby:

Meetings/Training:

- Area 1 SWCD Meeting
- Soil Health Webinar Trainings

Soil Health:

- Cover Crop Projects

Shoreline and Rain Garden:

- Project Site Visit
- Project Management w/ MNL

Water Quality

- Lake Monitoring
- SWAG Lake Monitoring
- Stream Monitoring & Lake Level

Other:

- OB Wells

AgBMP Report: Accepting Applications!

Next Meeting July 17th, 2025 at 8:30am

Motion to adjourn at 9:56 am by Kiecker, Second by Balstad.

Secretary

Date

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