

EAST POLK SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
June 2nd, 2016

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

Others Present: Lisa Newton-Manager, Karla Byklum-Administrative Assistant, Rachel Elshaug-Area Certification Specialist, Joan Lee-Polk County Commissioner, Jane White-Conservation Corps. Apprentice, and Brett Arne-BWSR.

Meeting called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Chairman Grundyson.

Motion to approve the May 12, 2016 minutes as written: Al Bauer, Seconded: Ken Pederson. Approved-all. Opposed-none. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the April 2016 Financial Report: Ken Pederson, Seconded: Al Bauer. Approved-all. Opposed-none. Motion carried.

NRCS Reports:

None

Member Reports:

Pederson had a conference call to plan the Area 1 meeting that will be held in Detroit Lakes on Tuesday, June 21st at 9:30 a.m.

Balstad arrived at 8:35 a.m.

Staff Reports:

Newton reported she has been busy with WCA. Doing lake levels and water monitoring every week. The water levels have been dropping every week until the rain came. A Local Work Group meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 6th at 9:00 a.m. in the Bjella building. Two GPS units will be ordered today for \$5,636.29. One unit will come out of the capacity funds and the other will be out of the MAWQCP.

Discussed wetland violation that occurred from construction of a drive way access to property on Sand Hill Lake at Joy's Oaks. Board discussed if the replacement ratio be 4:1 or 2:1. Due to the project and site specific circumstances a motion was made to allow Nick Poss to replace at a 2:1 ratio by Scott Balstad. Seconded by Ken Pederson. Affirmative-all. Opposed-none. Motion carried.

Byklum introduced Jane White, Conservation Corps Apprentice, to the board and guests. A Lake Leader newsletter was sent to 1,041 people. Will be attending an Administrative Training session in Bemidji with Newton June 22nd - June 23rd.

Motion by Scott Balstad to approve the abandoned well sealing for Ronnie Tradewell at 50% cost share. Seconded by Ken Pederson. Affirmative-all. Opposed-none. Motion carried.

Motion by Ken Pederson to approve the Minnesota Agricultural Water Quality Certification Program (MAWQCP) Agreement #1 Swift Contract #101979 for \$197,400.00. Seconded by Al Bauer. Affirmative-all. Opposed-none. Motion carried.

Elshaug reported on having 24 applications to date in 11 counties. Sent out around 1,000 promotional letters from West Polk SWCD about the MAWQCP program, and has received 3 more applications from that mailing. Will be attending an Area Certification meeting on June 9th in Minneapolis, a Rusle/WEQ training in Thief River Falls on June 22nd, and a feedlot meeting June 28th.

Old Business:

Vettleson has the tractor and tree planter at his place, he has found that the power take off is not working, and will be fixing that also. He will be getting the loader at Gary Lee's house. We will discuss what to do with the tractor/tree planter/loader when it's all fixed.

New Business:

We have been awarded the Targeted Watershed grant of \$790,240.00. Newton will be working on the work plan and budget that will be due the end of this month.

Elshaug's 6 month review will be coming up in August. Bruce Grundyson and Larry Vettleson (Personnel Committee) will meet at the office at 7:30 a.m. on July 14th for her review, regular board meeting to follow.

Next meeting is scheduled for July 14, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. Following the meeting, we will be going to lunch and on a pontoon ride. The pontoon has been rented from Oak Cove, Mentor starting at 1:00 p.m. The cost of the pontoon rental is \$100.00 for a 4 hour minimum.

Larry Vettleson, Scott Balstad, and Al Bauer have filed for re-election for the East Polk SWCD board.

Motion to adjourn at 9:45 a.m. Scott Balstad, Seconded: Al Bauer. Motion carried.

Scott Balstad July 14, 2016
Secretary Date