

EAST POLK SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
June 21, 2018

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

Others Present: Lisa Erickson-District Manager, Karla Byklum-Administrative Assistant, Sarah Mielke-District Technician, Rachel Klein-District Technician, Joan Lee-Polk County Commissioner, and Luke Klawitter-NRCS.

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

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

Motion to approve the April 19, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes: Ken Pederson, Seconded: Larry Vettleson. Affirmative-all. Opposed-none. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the March 2018 Financial Report: Larry Vettleson, Seconded: Ken Pederson. Affirmative-all. Opposed-none. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the April 2018 Financial Report: Larry Vettleson, Seconded: Ken Pederson. Affirmative-all. Opposed-none. Motion carried.

NRCS Report:

Had 18 CSP applications and 6 received funding. Attended the cover crop training yesterday. Allen Lepp is the new assistant State Conservationist that will start in August 2018. Jenny Burrack is officially back in the McIntosh office that was effective 2 weeks ago.

Member Report:

Ken Pederson reported he was on the planning committee for the Area 1 meeting that was held on Tuesday, June 19th in Detroit Lakes.

Al Bauer attended the AIS meeting on June 12th in Crookston. There are 3 people hired to inform people of AIS that are on duty by the area lakes. There was some interest in purchasing a portable cleaning station for boaters to use to clean their boats, 1 station costs \$28,000.00 and it's not in the budget to purchase at this time. Also attended the Vesledahl meeting, they toured the site and is still ongoing.

Staff Report:

Erickson has been busy with WCA and the DNR well readings. Attended the RRVCSA meeting in Mahanomen on Tuesday, June 12th.

Byklum reported a profit of \$2,309.80 on trees for 2018. Handed out to the board candidate prospectus for MASWCD President and Vice President, the letter of interest has to be received by September 6, 2018.

Klein has been busy working on Buffers, WCA, and Trainings (Soil Mechanics 1, WASCOD, and Cover Crop), Meetings (Shoreline Restoration, Local Work Group, RLWD, SHWD, Lake Sarah Restoration, County Buffer meeting, Groundwater Protection Rule, Pictometry Demo meeting, WRAC, AIS, and TEP). Also attended the Area 1 Envirothon, helped with the Tree Pickup Day, and is assisting Mielke with the Lake Monitoring.

Mielke has been doing field work and educational materials. Has sent out the Lake Leader newsletter. Went to Clay SWCD for a demonstration on a Rain Barrel workshop to learn how they do it. A Rain Barrel workshop will be held in McIntosh on Saturday, June 23rd. As of now no one has signed up, will see if people sign up in the next few days. Has been doing 6 rivers for Stream Monitoring and 11 Lake Levels. Has made a Shoreline Restoration booklet for information for the public. Attended training for the Watershed game.

Old Business:

Mielke reported that it's taking more time than expected to do the Lake monitoring. Had to purchase larger batteries for the boat motor.

New Business:

Ken Pederson refiled for District 1 Supervisor but Bruce Grundyson did not file for District 2 Supervisor.

Motion by Ken Pederson to encumber the 2018 Buffer Cost Share to the following 18 requests: Jr Farder (Ogden), Jim Ellingson, David Zubrod, Larry Vettleson (51 Farms), Duane Hanson, Mike Roysland, Orval Sevingson, Lloyd Sweno, Michael Hansen, Jackie Peterson, Vincent Dorr, Dale Peterson, Wayne Wolden, Gary Frisk, Julie Clementson, John Gunvalson, Jim Iverson, and Mark Bingham. Seconded by Larry Vettleson. Affirmative-all. Opposed-none. Motion carried.

Motion by Ken Pederson to encumber CWF (15) funds for Mike Vig/Vig Farms at 75% cost share for Sletten, Section 12 at \$18,944.88. Seconded by Larry Vettleson. Affirmative-all. Opposed-none. Motion carried.

Motion by Ken Pederson to encumber CWF (15) funds for Mike Grandbois/Virgil Wilde at 75% cost share for Sletten, Section 10 and 15 at \$16,658.40. Seconded by Larry Vettleson. Affirmative-all. Opposed-none. Motion carried.

Motion by Bruce Grundyson to encumber \$6,641.92 2017 Cost Share and \$9,847.88 2016 Capacity funds for Shane Munter at 50% cost share for Hill River, Section 35 at \$32,979.60. Seconded by Ken Pederson. Affirmative-all. Opposed-none. Motion carried.

Motion by Bruce Grundyson to encumber 2016 Cost Share at \$3,007.52 and 2017 Cost Share at \$1,592.48 for a total of \$4,600.00 for Terry Bailey, Shoreline Restoration for Native Lakeshore at the Union Lake Sarah Campground in Erskine at 50% cost share for Knute 148, Range 42 at Seconded by Ken Pederson. Affirmative-all. Opposed-none. Motion carried.

Karla Byklum handed out her resignation letter to the board. Her last day at the district will be Thursday, June 28th. She will train the new applicant in the transition process a few days in July. The Personnel Committee will meet on Monday, June 25th at 8:00 a.m. to discuss the job vacancy with Erickson.

Discussion on who will sign checks when Byklum is done. The board will come and sign checks until the new applicant is hired.

Next board meeting will be held on Thursday, July 19th, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.

Motion to adjourn at 10:05 a.m. Bruce Grundyson. Seconded by Ken Pederson. Affirmative-all. Opposed-none. Motion carried.

Secretary

Date