

EAST POLK SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
March 16, 2017

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

Others Present: Lisa Newton-District Manager, Karla Byklum-Administrative Assistant, David Marshall-Engineering Technician, Jenny Burrack-NRCS, and Joan Lee-County Commissioner.

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

Motion to approve the February 16, 2017 Minutes: Ken Pederson, Seconded: Bruce Grundyson. Approved-all. Opposed-none. Motion carried.

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

NRCS Report:

Burrack reported being busy on the field office review, vehicle maintenance, and going through files.

Member Report:

Pederson attended the Personnel Committee on March 13 to review District Technician applications for interviews that will be held on March 22. A total of 17 applications were received and 5 will be interviewed. Pederson also reported that he'll be attending the MASWCD Legislative Briefing Day at the Capitol on March 20-21 in St. Paul.

Staff Report:

Marshall reported that he attended the Buffer meetings (Mentor, East Grand Forks, and Crookston) that were held on February 23. Assisted Peter Mead, Becker SWCD, on survey training. Has installed the Civil 3D program on his computer (RRVCSA has been billed for reimbursement for that program). The PTM map will be ready in about 50 days. Has looked at the Airport ditch but there is too much snow.

Byklum reported on attending the Area 1 meeting in Detroit Lakes on February 21. Attended the Buffer meeting in Mentor on February 23. Sent out information on the Area 1 Envirothon to the Fosston, Win-E-Mac, and Fertile-Beltrami that will be held on April 26. Did a presentation with Newton for the Crop Improvement meeting at the McIntosh Community

Center on March 6. Submitted the year-end financials to Bill Eisle. Has 4,400 trees on order to date.

Newton sent the AIS essay contest to the area 4th-6th grade schools. Attended the Polk Co. Commissioners meeting. Has received the Conservation Corp. Apprentice agreement to sign, will have someone the end of May for the summer months. Will attend MASWCD Legislative Briefing Day at the Capitol on March 20-21 in St. Paul with Pederson. Will be working at the Wildlife station for the Envirothon.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Motion by Ken Pederson to pay \$200.00 for the MACFO Conference. Seconded by Bruce Grundyson. Affirmative-all. Opposed-none. Motion carried.

Motion by Scott Balstad to approve Well Sealing for Bill Muldoon out of Capacity at 50% cost share. Seconded by Ken Pederson. Affirmative-all. Opposed-none. Motion carried.

Motion by Scott Balstad to approve the Master Joint Powers Agreement for RIM. Seconded by Bruce Grundyson. Affirmative-all. Opposed-none. Motion carried.

Motion by Bruce Grundyson to encumber 2016 State Cost Share funds for John Balstad. Total cost estimate is \$11,436.00 at 75% cost share is \$8,577.00, Side-Water Inlets, Section 28, T 147 N, R 41 W, Sletten Township. Seconded by Ken Pederson. Affirmative-Al Bauer. Abstain-Scott Balstad. Motion carried.

Motion by Bruce Grundyson to encumber 2016 Capacity funds for Vig Farms. Total cost estimate is \$8,016.00 at 75% cost share is \$6,012.00, Grade Stabilization Structure, Section 5, T 147 N, R 40 W, Rosebud Township. Seconded by Ken Pederson. Affirmative-all. Opposed-none. Motion carried.

The MAWQCP is being covered by Jim Lahn and Kathy Rasch. When our district hires a new District Technician, they have asked if 1/3 of the time could be shared with the MAWQCP. Will be discussing more at a later date.

Next board meeting will be held April 20, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.

