

EAST POLK SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
October 13, 2016

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

Others Present: Lisa Newton-District Manager, Karla Byklum-Administrative Assistant, Rachel Elshaug-Area Certification Specialist, Dan Weber-NRCS, Jenny Burrack-NRCS, and Jim Hest-RRVCSA.

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

Motion to approve the September 8, 2016 minutes as written: Al Bauer, Seconded: Larry Vettleson. Approved-all. Opposed-none. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the September 29, 2016 special board meeting minutes as written: Ken Pederson, Seconded: Larry Vettleson. Approved-all. Opposed-none. Motion carried.

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

**NRCS Reports:**

Burrack reported working on end of the year reporting, training, and performance plans. Had 18 applications and 3 funded for CSP and 38 applications with 38 funded for EQIP.

Weber reported on CSP having a major retooling this year, part of it is web training. The biggest program in the nation is CSP. Computer seats are in jeopardy, there is a committee from Area 1 looking at options for the Soil and Water Conservation Districts to get our own server. On November 16<sup>th</sup>, a teleconference call will be held with NRCS employees updating them on some changes that will be going in effect.

**Member Reports:**

Pederson reported that the Area 1 meeting will be in Crookston on November 15<sup>th</sup>. Attended the Polk County Commissioners meeting with Newton and Berndt to educate them more what the Soil and Water Conservation Districts do. They also showed the board the budget and explained where the funding comes from and how it is spent on several different projects that are being worked on in the county.

Hest reported being very busy with several projects in Marshall and Pennington counties. He will be checking on Grandbois and Morvig sites today after the meeting.

**Staff Reports:**

Newton reported on meeting she attended in Erskine about the erosion problem on Lake Cameron involving the 3 houses. Deb Kiel was also at the meeting. Hest will survey the project and explore options on what to do with that project.

Conservation Delivery for East Polk is \$18,000 and West Polk receives \$33,000. BWSR stated that the formula was developed a long time ago and has not changed. The board will have to send a resolution to MASWCD to make the change for next year.

All the buffers that are compliant need to be reported by the end of the year.

Personnel and Policy committee (Vettleson, Pederson, and Grundyson) will be meeting on Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup> at 8:30 a.m.

Discussion on bringing back the Outstanding Conservationist and WRAC meetings.

Byklum reported on helping with Pennington Outdoor Day and Water Festival in Warren and Rydell Refuge. Has completed the water monitoring and lake level monitoring for the year. Picked up the 2016 Polaris four wheeler and 2015 Bear Track trailer from Bagley Motorsports. The side rails for the trailer is on order. The 2016 Annual Convention & Trade Show will be December 4-6 in Bloomington, MN at the DoubleTree Hotel. Hotel reservations need to be made by November 15<sup>th</sup> to reserve your room. MASWCD registration deadline is November 21<sup>st</sup>.

Elshaug reported she attended County Feedlot Officer (CFO) training September 20-24. She will have 5 feedlot inspections to do. Has 4 new applications and 8 field verifications for the MAWQCP.

**Old Business:**

Vettleson will be bringing the tractor/loader/tree planter soon.

**New Business:**

The City of Erskine Dike Project will beginning this winter. It will be repaired and reinforced.

Macho Project was tabled last meeting. Waiting to see the target priority area's first from Houston Engineering.

Motion by Pederson to approve the Weed Management contract for Winger Township. Seconded by Vettleson. Affirmative-all. Opposed-none. Motion carried.

