

EAST POLK SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
October 19, 2017

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

Others Present: Lisa Newton-District Manager, Sarah Mielke-District Technician, Luke Klawitter-NRCS, Jim Hest-RRVCSA Engineer, Joan Lee-Polk County Commissioner, and Jerry Jacobson-Polk County Commissioner.

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

Motion to approve the August 17, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes: Ken Pederson, Seconded: Bruce Grundyson. Affirmative-all. Opposed-none. Motion carried.

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

NRCS Report:

Luke Klawitter reported working on CSP renewals, some challenges on changes in the format to the program. Working on year-end review. There is 25,557 CRP contract acres in East Polk and in 2017, 15 of those 576 acres are expiring. In 2018 and 2019 about 220 CRP contracts coming out in East Polk, 4600-7800 acres.

Member Report:

Al Bauer reported that he'll talk to Chairman Toby Strom on meeting with him on the office space rent for the district before the next board meeting.

Scott Balstad reported that Chuck Whiting should've been on the agenda at the last board meeting that was held in September.

Ken Pederson reported that he was in the office when OSHA was here on August 30th.

Bruce Grundyson will be having surgery, so he will not be at the next board meeting.

Staff Reports:

Newton reported the majoring if her time has been working on Buffers. BuffCat is almost done, it will be completed in the computer program by October 31st. Waiver A (Technical or Financial Assistance) on the Conditional Compliance Waiver & Request will still be available for people to

sign for Public Waters so they can get the extension until November 1st, 2018. Tom Gile complimented on how much work has been completed in BuffCat.

Mielke reported helping people with questions on Buffers. The yearly newsletter has been mailed out. The newsletter has a lot of information in it about Buffers and also has the tree order form. Has completed the feedlot work plan for 2018 and submitted it to MPCA. Has completed 3 out of the 5 inspections for feedlots.

Jim Hest reported on working with several projects for East Polk, West Polk, Red Lake, Marshall, and Kittson. All the pipes are in the ground for the Macho project. Will be checking on Travis Fuchs and Iverson sites today. Will be teaching a class at the BWSR Academy in November that will be held at Cragun's Resort in Brainerd.

Old Business:

2017 MASWCD Resolutions

New Business:

Motion by Scott Balstad to approve Resolution 2017-1, Adopting the Polk County Local Water Management Plan as the Comprehensive Plan of East Polk SWCD. Seconded by Ken Pederson. Affirmative-all. Opposed-none. Motion carried.

Motion by Scott Balstad to approve the following:

Approve payment for Weed Management for Godfrey Township, total cost of practice is \$3,103.50, 75% cost share is \$2,327.63.

Approve cost estimate for Tom Conati for Well Sealing out of Capacity funds, total cost of practice \$600.00, 50% cost share is \$300.00.

Approve payment for Weed Management for Sletten Township, total cost of practice is \$3,947.76, 75% cost share is \$2,960.82 including mileage for Richard Kroening (\$38.52).

Approve payment for Weed Management for Knute Township, total cost of practice is \$4,654.45, 75% cost share is \$3,490.84.

Approve payment to Gene and Dianne Hegge Well Sealing out of Capacity funds, total cost of practice is \$890.00, 50% cost share is \$445.00.

Approve Cody Fjerstad AgBMP Loan Application for \$100,000.00 for 2012 John Deere 4940 self-propelled sprayer.

Seconded by Bruce Grundyson. Affirmative-all. Opposed-none. Motion carried.

Motion by Scott Balstad to approve the NACD 2018 membership dues for \$387.50. Seconded by Ken Pederson. Affirmative-all. Opposed-none. Motion carried.

Newton will contact the Personnel Committee (Bruce Grundyson and Ken Pederson) for Sarah Mielke and Glen Kajewski 6 month reviews to schedule a date to meet before the next board meeting.


Hire another District Technician tabled until November 2017 board meeting.

Purchase a Seeder (Buffers) tabled until November 2017 board meeting.

Motion by Scott Balstad to approve Resolution 2017-2, Resolution to Support a Wild Rice Watershed One Watershed, One Plan Project. Seconded by Ken Pederson. Affirmative-all. Opposed-none. Motion carried.

Next monthly board meeting will be held on Thursday, November 16, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.

Motion to adjourn at 9:30 a.m. Bruce Grundyson. Seconded by Scott Balstad. Affirmative-all. Opposed-none. Motion carried.


Secretary

11-16-17
Date