

EAST POLK SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
September 21, 2017

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

Others Present: Lisa Newton-District Manager, Karla Byklum-Administrative Assistant, Luke Klawitter-NRCS, and Chuck Whiting-Polk County Administrator.

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

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

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

NRCS Report:

Luke Klawitter reported on doing end of the year paperwork for CRP and CSP. Have 34 new EQIP applications and 21 carried over from last year, 8 or 9 grade stabilizations, and 12 CSP applications have been funded.

Chuck Whiting arrived at 8:40 a.m.

Member Report:

Balstad reported attending the Vesledahl meeting. Would like to see the district find some way to help the Cameron Lake people where their houses are almost falling into the lake.

Pederson reported on the Polk County Commissioner meeting. The staff presented well, also there was watershed, BWSR staff, and Elliott Solheim/West Polk SWCD board member in attendance. Attended the 25 x 25 meeting in Crookston on September 5th. Went to the Governance Conference in Minneapolis with Newton and Mielke, September 13th-15th.

Staff Reports:

Byklum reported on presenting at the Edible Landfill station for Pennington Outdoor Day in Thief River Falls on September 13th. Presented at the Water Festival in Warren on September 19th and Fertile on September 20th at the Groundwater station with Newton. Been busy with bookkeeping. Peterson audit almost completed, should be getting the information soon. Sarah Mielke is doing the water monitoring today.

Newton has attended several meetings. At the AIS meeting, Starry Stonewort has now been found in Lake Winnibigoshish in Itasca and Cass Counties, Moose Lake in Beltrami County and Rice Lake in Stearns County and Zebra Mussels has been found at the park in East Grand Forks/Red River. Attended the Nitrogen meeting, 25 x 25 meeting, and the Governance Conference. Has applied for a CWF grant for \$200,000.00 and another Weed Management grant. The staff will be starting on the feedlot newsletter and the yearly newsletter soon.

Chuck Whiting handed out the reports from McCall and Spero Environmental, Inc., Environmental Hazards Services, LLC and EMC Labs Inc. to the board and staff. Subjects mention by Whiting to the board and staff:

- Usually there is another reason for calling something in
- The County has a good working relationship with the City of McIntosh
- Minor asbestos showed up
- he knows how much rent the East Polk SWCD pays the City of McIntosh
- 2 of their staff threatened to quit because of the harassment and obstructing the door, and I called the sheriff
- the tiles were the same as in the hallway
- getting the asbestos crew costed the County more money
- this was discussed in our budget meetings
- the staff and clientele will be welcomed into this building, or I'll be back (this was reiterated 4 times throughout his report)

Chuck Whiting left at 9:30 a.m.

Old Business:

Newton reported that Garden Valley has installed the glass cabinet. Newton also reported to the board that David Marshall informed her he would like to continue with the networking. Upon board decision, they recommended that the office staff can complete the installation of networking with Dan Vesledahl/Minkota Technologies.

New Business:

Motion by Al Bauer to accept the resignation for David Marshall as of September 15, 2017. Seconded by Ken Pederson. Affirmative-all. Opposed-none. Motion carried.

Motion by Scott Balstad to approve payment out of Capacity funds for Well Sealing for Tim Disrud for \$360.00 at 50% cost share of \$180.00. Seconded by Ken Pederson. Affirmative-all. Opposed-none. Motion carried.

