

EAST POLK SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
September 8, 2016

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

Others Present: Karla Byklum-Administrative Assistant, Rachel Elshaug-Area Certification Specialist, Joan Lee-Polk County Commissioner, and Jenny Burrack-NRCS.

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

Motion to approve the July 28, 2016 minutes as written: Ken Pederson, Seconded: Al Bauer. Approved-all. Opposed-none. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the July 2016 Financial Report: Al Bauer, Seconded: Scott Balstad. Approved-all. Opposed-none. Motion carried.

NRCS Reports:

Burrack reported working on 38 EQIP applications, CRP plans, CSP audits, and the end of the year Civil Rights review.

Member Reports:

Pederson reported on hearing very good comments from Steve Ness regarding his water and sediment basins.

Bauer reported on the Aquatic Invasive Species meeting. They're distributing promotional items including pens, boat towels, can cozies, cell phone cases, and keyfloats to educate the public.

Balstad reported in November the SHWD and East Polk SWCD will be meeting with the landowners regarding the Targeted Watershed Grant.

Staff Reports:

Elshaug reported that East Polk and Pennington have meet their goals on the MAWQCP program. West Polk has 4 applications. Been busy mapping Buffers. Attended Conservation Practice Training in Hinckley, MN the end of August.

Byklum reported attending the Polk County Commissioners board meeting regarding the yearly budget with Newton on August 16. Has been doing the Water Monitoring and Lake Levels

every week. It's a 140 mile route with 11 lake levels and 5 stream monitoring sites that are checked. The extra Capacity funds of \$15,337.00 has just been deposited into the bank account.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Motion by Bauer to have Grundyson sign the Memorandum of Understanding for the Targeted Watershed between East Polk SWCD and the Sand Hill Watershed. Seconded: Pederson. Affirmative-all. Opposed-none. Motion carried.

Motion by Pederson to have Balstad sign the Deposit of Securities with First National Bank of McIntosh. Seconded by Bauer. Affirmative-all. Opposed-none. Motion carried.

Byklum reported that Newton is at the Red Lake Watershed District meeting regarding the City of Erskine Dike Project today.

Motion by Balstad to sign the Weed Management Cost Share Assistance Contracts for Lessor and King Townships. Seconded: Pederson. Affirmative-all. Opposed-none. Motion carried.

Motion by Pederson to approve 2 Well Sealing Cost Share Assistance Contracts for Chester Smeby for \$730.00, 50% cost share \$365.00 that are in Hill River Township. Seconded: Balstad. Affirmative-all. Opposed-none. Motion carried.

Motion by Pederson to approve Well Sealing Conservation Practice Assistance Contract for Robert Thompson for \$705.00, 50% cost share \$352.50 in Hill River Township. Seconded: Balstad. Affirmative-all. Opposed-none. Motion carried.

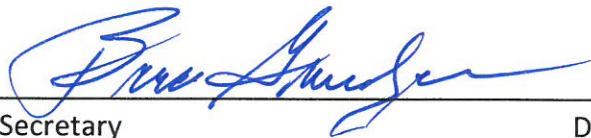
Motion by Pederson to pay Joel Strom for his Well Sealing Cost Share, total cost was \$520.00 and 50% cost share is \$260.00. Seconded by Balstad. Affirmative-all. Opposed-none. Motion carried.

Motion by Balstad to amend the Alton Morvig project in Garden, Section 10, from \$6,902.94 cost estimate to \$11,902.94. Seconded by Pederson. Affirmative-all. Opposed-none. Motion carried.

Byklum reported on the Macho project (Vig, Grandbois, and Hemmingson) Sletten 24/25. It was decided to table it until the next board meeting.

Byklum asked the board to consider purchasing a four wheeler and ramps/trailer because of increase with landowners checking on sites. The board members will check around and get some price estimates.

Motion to adjourn at 10:10 a.m. Al Bauer, Seconded: Ken Pederson. Motion carried.


Secretary _____ Date