

Polk County Soil and Water Conservation District

September 17, 2019

- Joe Garrison called the meeting to order at 4:09 pm.
- Joe Garrison led the pledge of allegiance.
- Joe Garrison, Kyle Carlton, Daniel Lanier, Dr. Sharon Masters were present.
- Daniel Lanier motioned to accept the minutes from the July meeting. Joe seconded the motion, motion passed.
- Joe Garrison gave the Chair's report. He brought up the Daily Ridge calling Kyle Carlton and Kennedy Fisher to interview them after Kennedy won the state speech contest.
- Joe Garrison told the board that AFCD nominated him for the 2nd Vice Chair seat.
- Kyle Carlton gave the Vice Chair report. He told us about Drew Pitts speaking to a group of ag teachers about BMP's, cost share, and what he does in his position. They both agreed that there was good feedback and some schools may have the ability to participate in the cost share programs at some point.
- Daniel Lanier gave the treasurer's report. He went over the recent financial statements.
- The conversation of bylaws came up. Since most other districts don't have their own and just operate under the state associations bylaws, the board seemed to think it may be a good idea to do the same.
- The board discussed the website. After some discussion the members want to wait and see what the state does and follow suite.
- Drew Pitts talked about the recent public relations he has done. He talked more in depth on the ag teacher meeting. Drew pointed out that the cost share funds are being allocated quickly.
- Drew Pitts told the board about the mobile irrigation lab. He is able to use this to help producers improve their irrigation systems.
- Old Business

- Kyle Carlton told the board he delivered the check to Kennedy Fisher.
- Kyle Carlton told the board about the upcoming Speech and Poster contest. It will be held at the LTC February 18 from 4-8 pm. Kyle motioned that this be a workshop for the PSWCD members. Dr. Sharon Masters seconded, motion passed.
- Kyle Carlton gave the dates for the soil judging contests. Polk County's will be March 3rd and the State's will be March 27th. Both locations are not know at this time.
- Kyle Carlton asked that the board give the contestants of the speech contest something for winning the contests. After some discussion on amounts and such, Kyle moved that 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place get an award of \$100, \$75, \$50. Daniel Lanier seconded, motion passed.
- For the poster contest, Kyle Carlton motioned to give \$50 to 1st place of each of the 5 divisions. Dr. Sharon Masters seconded, motion passed.
- The discussion came up about our board corresponding with AFCD and FDACS. There was discussion on how much should be directed to the Chair for the Chair to relay the message and how some conversations should be between the board member and AFCD and FDACS.
- The discussion for reimbursements is tabled for a later date.
- Kyle Carlton motioned to adjourn the meeting, Daniel Lanier seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 4:56 pm.