

Pomme de Terre River Association
Joint Powers Board Meeting
USDA ARS Soils Lab
October 9, 2015
MEETING MINUTES

Board members present: Keith Swanson, Paul Groneberg, Paul Barsness, Joe Fox, Jerry Johnson, Rod Wenstrom, Joe Berning, Dave Lonergan. Others present: Jared House, Watershed Coordinator; Paul Wymar, MPCA; Brad Mergens, TAC Chair; Chris Staebler, Stevens SWCD.

Chair Swanson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and conducted roll call.

1. The agenda was approved as amended on a motion by Paul Barsness. Second by Joe Fox. Passed unanimously.
2. Joe Berning moved to approve the minutes from the August meeting. Second by Paul Groneberg and all members voting aye, the motion passed.
3. Grant Updates
 - a. Jared gave an update on 2013 CWF grant activity. This grant will close at the end of this year and funds are almost completely spent.
 - b. Jared gave an update on 2014 CWF funding. There is a lot of project funding to be encumbered but there is a year left on this grant as well.
 - c. The 2015 CWF grant is also underway and permitting is almost done for the dam removal project that will be funded through this grant. This project should be completed next spring.
 - d. 2013 CWP projects are also coming along. Grant SWCD will use funding to secure a permanent easement and there's also an incentive payment that will be funded in Otter Tail County. There will be a Watershed Academy on October 24 in Morris.
 - e. There's about \$65,000 unencumbered out of the \$192,000 funding available. The web site redesign will be completed by the beginning of next year, using this funding. (2014 319 grant)
4. Financial Matters
 - a. Joe fox moved to approved the Treasurer's Report, including the check written for downpayment on web design project. Second by Joe Berning. Passed unanimously.
 - b. Paul Barsness moved to approve bills to pay of \$29.54. Second by Jerry Johnson. Passed unanimously.
 - c. Chris presented 3rd Quarter budget vs actual reports for the board's review.
5. The board has received a letter requesting support of the re-establishment of the MN River Basin Commission. Paul Barsness moved to pass a resolution opposing the creation of a Minnesota River Basin Commission. Second by Paul Groneberg. Passed unanimously.
6. Brad Mergens gave an update on recent TAC activity. Warren Formo, MAWRC, spoke at the last TAC meeting. He's given this presentation regarding the new buffer law to about 30 groups recently.
7. Jared gave a written Coordinator's Report. He also gave a microscopic life demonstration, showing the board what he's been presenting at fairs and to school groups. He's had several lecture/teaching opportunities recently. He's also presenting at the BWSR Academy at the end of the month.

Agency Reports

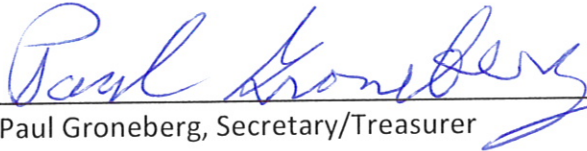
- a. Paul Wymar reported for the MPCA. He handed out a description of the scheduled changes to the Watershed Monitoring WRAPs. Funding cuts resulting in lack of staff are causing a delay of about two years.

b. No other agencies present.

Jerry Johnson moved to approve the audit representation letter to the Peterson Company LLC. Second by Joe Berning. Passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m. The next meeting will be held December 11 at 9:30 a.m., 2015.

Respectfully submitted,



Paul Groneberg, Secretary/Treasurer



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