

**Pomme de Terre River Association
Joint Powers Board Meeting
MINUTES
April 10, 2015
USDA-ARS Soils Lab, Morris**

Board members present: Keith Swanson, Rod Wenstrom, John Lindquist, Joe Fox, Paul Barsness, Paul Groneberg, Jerry Johnson, Clint Schuerman, Jeanne Ennen, Joe Berning, Dave Lonergan.

Others present: Chris Staebler, Stevens SWCD; Jared House, Watershed Coordinator; Paul Wymar, MPCA.

Chair Swanson called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

- I. Joe Fox moved to approve the Agenda as amended. Second by John Lindquist. Passed unanimously.
- II. The minutes from the past meeting were approved unanimously on a motion by Jerry Johnson and second by Paul Groneberg.
- III. Financial Matters
 - A. Jeanne Ennen moved to approve the 3-31-15 Treasurer's Report. Second by Paul Barsness. Passed unanimously.
 - B. John Lindquist moved to approve the following bills to pay. Second by Joe Berning. Passed unanimously.


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| a) Willie's Super Valu | Meeting expenses | 34.00 |
| b) Stevens County Highway | Gas | 99.91 |
| c) Grant County Herald | Watershed Academy Ad | 55.60 |
 - C. Jeanne Ennen moved to approve the 2015 budget. Second by Mike Jorgenson. Passed unanimously.
- IV. Grant Updates
 - A. The 2013 CWF grant will close at the end of this year. Funding will need to be spent prior to 12/31/15 or it will be returned to BWSR. Jared gave an update on spending to date and projects with funding allocated. SWCDs have requested payment for first quarter 2015 hours spent against this (and all CWF) grants.
 - B. The 2014 CWF will close at the end of 2016. Jared gave an update on spending and allocations to date.
 - C. We were awarded the 2015 CWF grant at full funding requested, to be spent through 2018. We have received the first half of this funding. Most of this funding will be used to pay SWCDs for their time working on projects that will be funded through the federal 319 grant. Jared is developing time sheets for the SWCDs to use to account for time against this grant.
 - D. Jared gave an update on expenses to date on the 2013 Clean Water Partnership grant. The Watershed Academies will be happening within the next month or so.
 - E. Jared outlined how funding will be allocated for projects within the federal 319 grant and how results will be estimated and tracked.
- V. Assignment agreements between the JPB and the member SWCDs have been developed, as required by BWSR grant agreements. Joe Fox moved to approve the contract for services. Second by Mike Jorgenson. Passed unanimously. Contracts will be entered into with each SWCD receiving funds from current grants. New contracts will be signed when new grants are awarded.

- VI. Jared proposed a future project that could be funded through the LCCMR and asked for the board's opinion. Jeanne Ennen moved to approve Jared pursue collaborative research with UMM using LCCMR funding. Second by Paul Groneberg. Motion passed unanimously.
- VII. Jared reported that the TAC has created in-kind rates for project cost share. These will be used to determine maximum cost share when work on a project is completed by the landowner. DNR and Iowa Custom Rate Survey were considered when developing these rate ranges.
- VIII. Jared elaborated on his written Coordinator's Report. He requested permission to go with a WCA schools class of about 20 students on field trips along the Pomme de Terre River and in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area. Dave Lonergan moved to approve Jared attending these trips with this group. Second by John Lindquist. Passed unanimously. The group discussed types of information that can be compiled and brought back to this group and others in the watershed for educational purposes.
- IX. Agency Reports
- A. Paul Wymar, MPCA, has been focusing more on work in the Chippewa than the Pomme de Terre lately, but he is working with Jared to develop some monitoring projects. He's also working with a group to develop a scenario application model that will allow changes to the HSPF model that will show different impacts in order to target potential areas of concern.
- X. Jared presented the slide show of the 2014 aerial tour, highlighting different land use features and water quality issues within the watershed.
- XI. The next meeting will be **June 12, 9:00 a.m.** at the ARS Soils Lab.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Paul Groneberg, Secretary/Treasurer


Date