

**Pomme de Terre River Association
Joint Powers Board Meeting
MINUTES
June 12, 2015
USDA-ARS Soils Lab, Morris**

Board members present: Keith Swanson, Rod Wenstrom, John Lindquist, Joe Fox, Paul Barsness, Jeanne Ennen, Joe Berning, Jim Krosch, Clint Schuerman.

Others present: Joe Montonye, Grant SWCD; Drew Mosburg, Grant County NRCS; Greg Lillemon, Grant County; Chris Staebler, Stevens SWCD; Jared House, Watershed Coordinator.

Chair Swanson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

- I. Joe Berning 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 Rod Wenstrom and second by Paul Barsness.
- III. Financial Matters
 - A. Jeanne Ennen moved to approve the 5-31-15 Treasurer's Report. Second by Paul Barsness. Passed unanimously.
 - B. Joe Fox moved to approve the following bills to pay. Second by Joe Berning. Passed unanimously.

a) Jared House	Meeting expenses	26.55
b) Peterson Company	2014 Financial Statements	650.00
c) Willie's Super Valu	Meeting expenses	14.16
d) Stevens County Highway	Gas	148.79
e) Appleton Press	Watershed Academy Ad	44.00
f) Morris Sun Tribune	Watershed Academy Ad	76.00
 - C. John Lindquist moved to approve Peterson Company complete the audit of the 2014 financial statements. Second by Joe Fox. Passed unanimously.
- IV. Grant Updates
 - A. Jared presented an all grants calendar detailing the timelines of the various grants in progress at this time. He is making a few edits suggested by the TAC and will bring a final version to the next meeting. He's also working on a cost benefit analysis that will show how much each county has contributed to the watershed project, and how much grant funding the group has received in return. It also shows match/leverage funding involved in each grant.
 - B. The 2013 CWF grant closes at the end of this year. He detailed the funding currently remaining.
 - C. The 2014 CWF grant will close at the end of next year. There is very little funding left to be spent for hours. There is a lot of project funding to be used. We may be able to use some of this funding on the dam removal project that's currently primarily funded through the 2015 CWF grant.
 - D. No funding has been spent against the 2015 grant to date.
 - E. 2013 CWP Grant: Two of the watershed academies planned for this spring have been postponed. There are two projects in the works to spend the funding earmarked for perpetual easements.
 - F. The 2014 Federal 319 grant is fully reimbursable. He detailed plans for spending this funding, which we've just started working on. He's organizing some canoe trips down the Pomme de Terre, open to anyone, that he will continue into the future with funding from this grant.

G. Joe Berning moved to approve the written contracts between Stevens SWCD and the PDTRA for host (\$1000/year) and fiscal agent (\$7000/year) services. Second by Rod Wenstrom. Passed unanimously. Contracts will expire at the end of 2020 unless an amendment is requested by either party prior to that.

V. Joe Montonye gave a TAC update. The biggest area of concern and activity is the current legislative buffer initiative.

VI. Jeff Backer was unable to attend today's meeting to discuss current activity related to the buffer initiative. The group discussed the issue on their own however.

VII. Jared gave a written Coordinator's Report.

VIII. Agency Reports

A. No agency representatives were present.

IX. Drew Mosburg, Grant County NRCS, presented a rainfall simulator to the group. They discussed some of the issues related to surface water, ground water, runoff and infiltration.

X. The next meeting will be **August 14, 9:00 a.m.** at the ARS Soils Lab.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Paul Groneberg, Secretary/Treasurer


Date