

Pomme de Terre River Association
Joint Powers Board Meeting
USDA ARS Soils Lab
July 8, 2016
MEETING MINUTES

The budget committee met at 8:30 a.m. prior to the regular board meeting. Present: Keith Swanson, Jeanne Ennen, Pete Waller, Jerry Johnson, Chris Staebler, Matt Solemsaas, John Lindquist, Rod Wenstrom, Fiona Wu, Jared House.

Board members present for regular meeting: Keith Swanson, Paul Groneberg, Rod Wenstrom, John Lindquist, Jerry Johnson, Clint Schuerman, Dave Lonergan, Joe Berning, Joe Fox, Paul Barsness, John Lindquist. Others present: Jared House, Watershed Coordinator, Fiona Wu, Intern; Chris Staebler and Matt Solemsaas, Stevens SWCD, Ben Underhill, East Otter Tail SWCD; Paul Wymar, MPCA.

Chair Swanson called the regular meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. and conducted roll call.

1. The agenda was approved on a motion by Jeanne Ennen. Second by John Lindquist. Passed unanimously.
2. Rod Wenstrom moved to approve the minutes from the June meeting as corrected. Second by Paul Groneberg and all member voting aye, the motion passed.
3. Financial Matters
 - a. The Treasurer's Report was approved unanimously on a motion by Joe Berning and second by Clint Schuerman. The board would like the report to divide out debits and credits.
 - b. John Lindquist moved to approve the bills to pay, as presented. Second by Joe Berning. Passed unanimously.
4. Jared gave updates on existing grants.
 - a. Activity on the 2014 CWF grant is winding down and this grant will close at the end of 2016.
 - b. Jared discussed funding concerns with the dam project to be funded in part by 2015 CWF funding.
 - c. The 2016 CWF grant is in the beginning stages. Houston Engineering is working on the first hydro-conditioned DEM. They will present information to the TAC at their August meeting.
 - d. The 2013 CWP grant is officially closed. Jared presented the grant summary to the board. Remaining funding should be received in the near future.
 - e. The 2014 federal 319 grant period goes through August 2018. Most project funding is encumbered. Monitoring has begun. Jared is planning a canoe trip this fall or next spring. He's also working on a citizens day in the park, potentially next year. There will be a year-end public meeting this fall.
 - f. The 2016 federal 319 budget and work plan have been submitted and Jared has been working on corrections/changes related to MPCA/EPA comments.
5. Jared is working on the 2017 CWF grant application. He is finalizing the budget with input from the SWCDs. Money requested will include funding for administration/coordinator salary, technical assistance and project development, and funding for the dam project. Jerry Johnson moved and Paul Groneberg seconded to approve the grant application. Passed unanimously. This funding will be leveraged by federal 319 projects.
6. Ben, Fiona and Jared wrote the 1W1P grant application and it has been submitted. A two-day bus tour of the watershed is being planned.
8. TAC meeting updates were covered elsewhere in the meeting.
9. Jared reported on a new grant through MPCA that involves Phase 1 IWP2 monitoring. He is working to collaborate with a UMM professor on some macroinvertebrate data collection on the Pomme de Terre.

He's working with Judy Johnston at Stevens SWCD on organizing and putting together some educational resources.

9. Agency Updates


- a. Pete Waller, BWSR informed the group about additional capacity funding that will be awarded to SWCDs throughout the state. He touched on buffer legislation meetings that are being planned for LGUs around the state.
- b. Paul Wymar, MPCA, talked about the upcoming planning, modeling, and monitoring grants that will be available for the Pomme de Terre and MPCA for work on the Intensive Watershed Monitoring Cycle 2. He described what things will be funded through these grants (\$22,000.00 for local and state government entities to start planning the second cycle; \$20,000.00 for HSPF modelling in the watershed; and \$30,000.00 for gap monitoring in the watershed to insure that we have more robust data for TMDL development).

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m. The next meeting will be held September 9, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. There will be a budget committee meeting at 8:30 a.m. prior to the regular meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



Jeanne Ennen, Secretary/Treasurer



Date