

Pomme de Terre River Association
Joint Powers Board Meeting
USDA ARS Soils Lab
March 4, 2016
MEETING MINUTES

The budget committee met at 8:30 for a 2016 budget work session. Present: Keith Swanson, Matt Solemsaas, Chris Staebler, Jerry Johnson, Jeanne Ennen, Jared House, Rod Wenstrom, John Lindquist.

Board members present: Jerry Johnson, Paul Barsness, Keith Swanson, Paul Groneberg, Rod Wenstrom, John Lindquist, Dave Lonergan, Clint Schuerman, Jerry Johnson, Jeanne Ennen, Dan Main. Others present: Jared House, Watershed Coordinator; Matt Solemsaas and Chris Staebler, Stevens SWCD; Mark Deutschman, Houston Engineering.

Chair Swanson called the regular meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. and conducted roll call.

1. The agenda was approved as amended on a motion by Rod Wenstrom. Second by Paul Barsness. Passed unanimously.
2. John Lindquist moved to approve the minutes from the February meeting, as corrected. Second by Jerry Johnson and all member voting aye, the motion passed.

Financial Matters

- a. The Treasurer's Report was approved unanimously on a motion by Jerry Johnson and second by Paul Barsness.
- b. There were no bills to be paid presented as of the meeting date.
- c. Chair Swanson gave a budget committee report. The draft budget will be presented for approval at the April meeting.

4. Grant Updates

- a. Jared gave an update on the 2014 CWF grant. This grant will be finished out by the end of 2016.
- b. Jared reported on current activities taking place related to the 2015 CWF grant.
- c. 2016 CWF Grant
 - i. Mark Deutschman, from Houston Engineering, gave a presentation on what the PTMApp (Prioritize, Target and Measure) is and how it will be used by the PDTRA once it's been developed. There is more information available at ptmapp.rrbdin.org. Jerry Johnson moved to contract with Houston Engineering for the completion of the hydro-conditioned DEM and PTMApp technical assistance. Second by Jeanne Ennen. Passed unanimously.
 - ii. John Lindquist moved to approve the purchase of a desktop computer from Mobiz Computers in Morris, to be used to run the PTMApp. Second by Rod Wenstrom. Paul Barsness moved to approve the purchase of GIS software to be used in conjunction with the PTMApp. Second by Clint Schuerman. Passed unanimously.
- d. The 2013 CWP grant will be closing out soon. The newsletter is currently at the printers. Once a pending project survey and the newsletter is sent out, the grant funds will be spent and the grant will be closed out.
- e. Monitoring funded through the federal 319 grant will begin in April. Jared will be continuing to work on outreach activities. Rod Wenstrom moved to allow Jared to use the PDTRA computer

monitor during his personal volunteer efforts with STEM mentoring. Second by John Lindquist.


Passed unanimously. Jared will also be purchasing a take down for use in the monitoring activities

5. Jared updated the board on the 2016 federal 319 grant application. He will submit an application for \$285,000, with a required match of \$190,000 and total project cost of \$475,000. Funding breakdown will be \$40,000 outreach and education, \$210,000 for BMPs and 35,000 for reporting and coordination.
6. The group discussed this JPB's participation, as a board, on the Minnesota River Congress. Jeanne Ennen moved to authorize Jared to draft a letter to the congress stating the reasons we oppose the work of this group. Paul Barsness seconded. Passed unanimously.
7. Matt Solemsaas gave an update on recent TAC activity. The one watershed one plan program will be in place by 2025. The next round of WRAPs intensive monitoring will be beginning in 2017. We'll be one of three pilot watersheds going through this process.
8. Jared gave a verbal Coordinator's Report, much of which was covering in discussions earlier in the meeting.
9. Agency Updates
 - a. No agency representatives were present.

The personnel committee will meet at 8:30 prior to the next meeting. The budget committee will then meet at 9:00.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m. The next meeting will be held April 8, 2016 at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jeanne Ennen, Secretary/Treasurer

4/8/16
Date