

Pomme de Terre River Association
Joint Powers Board Meeting
USDA ARS Soils Lab
May 13, 2016
MEETING MINUTES

Board members present for regular meeting: Keith Swanson, Paul Groneberg, Rod Wenstrom, John Lindquist, Joe Berning, Joe Fox, Jerry Johnson, Clint Schuerman. Paul Barsness, Dave Lonergan (9:40). Others present: Jared House, Watershed Coordinator; Chris Staebler, Stevens SWCD; Pete Waller, BWSR; Paul Wymar, MPCA; Brad Mergens, West Otter Tail SWCD; Joe Montonye, Grant SWCD; Ben Underhill, East Otter Tail & Wadena SWCD. *West Otter Tail*

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 Joe Berning. Second by Jerry Johnson. Passed unanimously.
2. Joe Fox moved to approve the minutes from the April meeting. Second by John Lindquist and all member voting aye, the motion passed.
3. Financial Matters
 - a. The Treasurer's Report was approved unanimously on a motion by Paul Barsness and second by Rod Wenstrom.
 - b. Joe Berning moved to approve a contract with Peterson Company Ltd to complete the 2015 financial statement audit for \$1600. Paul Barsness seconded. Passed unanimously.
 - c. Paul Barsness moved to approve the bills to pay, as presented. *Groneberg* Second by Joe Fox. Passed unanimously.
4. Jared gave updates on existing grants.
 - a. Clean Water fund grants are underway and on schedule for early or on time completion.
 - b. John Lindquist moved to approve the contract for services with Houston Engineering (HEI Inc) for the Hydro-conditioned DEM development. Second by Joe Fox. Passes unanimously.
 - c. Jared is preparing to close out the 2013 Clean Water Partnership Grant.
 - d. The 2014 Federal 319 grant is well underway. He has been doing a lot of outreach activities in the Morris Area school.
5. The work plan for the 2016 Federal 319 grant was submitted and Jared is awaiting response from the MPCA. Funding for projects will be allocated based on a scoring system which will prioritize projects based on several water quality-based criteria. There is funding for public meetings as well as administration/personnel. Required match will be tied to CWF grants. Grant execution should happen this fall if everything is approved by MPCA & EPA.
6. One Watershed One Plan grant application period is open. The TAC is recommending that the JPB develop an application for funding. The board discussed different ins and outs of this kind of operations. All 12 boards should pass resolutions to agree to this and pursue application prior to June 17. Joe Fox moved to approve pursuit of the grant, contingent on approval of all 12 boards. Second by Paul Groneberg. Passed unanimously.
7. The TAC met recently and discussed One Watershed One Plan, buffer mapping project, and more. The JPB discussed the buffer mapping project and several districts noted that there are discrepancies that need to be commented on during the DNR's comment period.
8. Jared gave a written Coordinators Report. He submitted a BBR to BWSR. He met with the new intern who will be starting mid-May and work through July.

9. Agency Updates

- a. Paul Wymar, MPCA, mentioned that they've submitted a site selection plan for the next round of monitoring to MPCA for approval.
- b. Pete had nothing more to report that hasn't already been discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m. The next meeting will be held June 3, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Ennen
Jeanne Ennen, Secretary/Treasurer

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Date