

Pomme de Terre River Association
Joint Powers Board Meeting
USDA ARS Soils Lab
September 9, 2016
MEETING MINUTES

Board members present for regular meeting: Keith Swanson, Paul Groneberg, Rod Wenstrom, John Lindquist, Jerry Johnson, Dave Lonergan, Joe Berning, Joe Fox, Paul Barsness, Clint Schuerman, Dan Morrill, John Lindquist. Others present: Jared House, Watershed Coordinator; Chris Staebler, Stevens SWCD, Michael Peterson & Samantha Wocken, Peterson Company Ltd.

Chair Swanson called the regular meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and conducted roll call.

1. The agenda was approved on a motion by Jeanne Ennen. Second by Joe Berning. Passed unanimously.
2. Joe Fox moved to approve the minutes from the July meeting. Second by Paul Groneberg and all member voting aye, the motion passed.
3. Financial Matters
 - a. Two people from Peterson Company Ltd were present to talk to the board about the JPB's financial statements and the relationship of county contributions to the fund balance.
 - b. The Treasurer's Report was approved unanimously on a motion by Joe Berning and second by Clint Schuerman.
 - c. John Lindquist moved to approve the bills to pay, as presented. Second by Joe Fox. 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. Most expenses have been paid out, but there are some project funds to be paid.
 - b. Jared discussed progress on the 2015 CWF grant and gave an update on progress of the dam removal project partially funded through this grant. The grant period goes through 12/31/18.
 - c. HEI has been working on the hydro-conditioned DEM and we will use a portion of the 2016 CWF grant to pay for this. Jared clarified what this tool is intended to do... measure the estimated reductions of future projects, for the purpose of prioritizing practices when considering cost share assistance.
 - d. The 2013 CWP grant is officially closed. Low interest septic loans may be processed until the end of October. If desired, we can extend this part of the agreement for another year (10/17/17). Dave Lonergan moved to approve the extension of this grant agreement through 10-17-17. Second by Paul Barsness. Passed unanimously.
 - e. The 2014 federal 319 grant period goes through August 2018. Jared updated the group on spending to date. Most project funding currently encumbered will be used on projects being completed within this construction season. There is one more monitoring session to be completed this year. Jared is also working on various outreach activities including a fall meeting.
 - f. The 2016 federal 319 budget and work plan have been submitted and are being processed by the EPA.
 - g. The One Watershed One Plan application was approved and we will receive \$250,000 for writing a plan. He will meet with LGUs initially to outline expectations from BWSR. He's been working with MCIT to determine whether or not we'll need revisions to the JPA.
5. The TAC met earlier this week. Items have been covered by other meeting updates.

6. Jared has begun to put lesson plans online for teachers to be able to use and will continue to add to this. He's been to some field days and completing monitoring as well. He's meeting with counties and SWCDs give updates. He'll be a presenter at the Pope and Stevens Water Fest next week. Jeanne Ennen moved to approve costs associated with sending Jared to the MN Wetland Habit Management Workshop. Second by Joe Berning. Passed unanimously.
9. No Agency Updates

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m. The next meeting will be held October 7, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Ennen
Jeanne Ennen, Secretary/Treasurer

10-7-16
Date