

POMME DE TERRE RIVER ASSOCIATION
Joint Powers Board Meeting
USDA ARS Soils Lab
February 10, 2017
MEETING MINUTES

The budget committee met to review a final budget draft at 9:00. Committee members present: Swenson, Ennen, Solemsaas, Staebler, Adams, Wenstrom, Lindquist. Others present: Paul Wymar, MPCA.

Chair Swenson called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. and conducted roll call. Board members present: Swenson, Lindquist, Wenstrom, Lonergan, Schuerman, ~~Keith Englund~~, Barsness, Fox, Groneberg, Ennen. Also present: Paul Wymar, MPCA; Chris Staebler, Stevens SWCD; Matt Solemsaas, Stevens SWCD/TAC rep; Steph Adams, Watershed Coordinator.

~~Supervisors present: Clint Schuerman, Paul Barsness, Jeanne Ennen, Paul Groneberg, Keith Swanson, Keith Englund, John Lindquist, Joe Fox, Rod Wenstrom. Others present: Steph Adams, Watershed Coordinator; Jared House, Grant SWCD; Paul Wymar, MPCA.~~

Jeanne Ennen moved to approve the Agenda as amended. Second by Rod Wenstrom, and all members voting aye, the motion passed.

Joe Fox moved to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Paul Groneberg seconded. Passed unanimously.

John Lindquist moved to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Second by Dave Lonergan. Passed unanimously.

Paul Groneberg moved to approve the bills to be paid as presented. Second by Paul ^{Barness} Groneberg.

The board reviewed the draft 2016 budget vs actual report. Full financial statements and year-end grant reports will be presented for approval at the March meeting.

Jeanne Ennen moved to approve the 2017 Budget as presented. Second by Rod Wenstrom. Passed unanimously.

GRANT UPDATES

- 2016 Federal 319 grant has been executed. Steph presented the budget. \$210,000 of the total \$475,000 grant dollars will be used to cost share installation of BMPs. The remaining funds will be used for things such as administration and education & outreach. The next step is for TAC/counties to develop projects & practices ranking worksheets. Grant expires in August 2020.
- The 2017 CWF grant agreement will be signed and executed shortly.
- The SWAG grant will fund a temporary PT technician. Steph has sent out the job announcement. The board advised her to interview candidates and offer the position to her top choice. Pay rate, work schedule, etc will be approve at the March JPB meeting.

- Paul Wymar described the work that will be done under the SWAG and gap monitoring grants. Joe Fox moved to assign Steph Adams signing authority for the MPCA-PDTRA Joint Powers Agreement for the PDTRA pre-WRAPs Project. Second by Paul Barsness. Passed unanimously.
- A One Watershed One Plan advisory committee needs to be created. A citizens committee also needs to be developed. The TAC suggested two groups for this, one in the north and one in the south, with two representatives from ag, sportsmen, lakes, townships, cities on the committee. A steering committee will be made to name the advisory committee, which will then develop the citizens groups. Steph has a meeting with BWSR staff next week to discuss the budget. The group is looking at a watershed tour for the citizens groups. Funding may be able through another MPCA grant.

Steph gave a summary of her written coordinator's report. She's been working on year-end reporting and new time sheets for 2017. SWCD Contracts are going out for new grant agreements. She's been ranking applicants for the seasonal water monitoring staff position. She discussed the BMP ranking sheets with Grant and WOT SWCDs.

Most TAC activity was discussed earlier but Matt Solemsaas mentioned the need for and RFP to be developed for a 1W1P consultant.

Paul Wymar noted that he's been working with volunteer monitors to ensure sample quality and continuity between agencies, etc.

The board discussed current legislation related to the new buffer law.

The next meeting will be held Friday, March 10, 2017 at 9:30.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Ennen
Jeanne Ennen, Secretary/Treasurer

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Date