

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

Chair Swanson called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. and conducted roll call. Board members present: Swanson, Fox, Risdorff, Lindquist, Wenstrom, Lonergan, Englund, Groneberg, Ennen. Also present: Ben Underhill, TAC rep; Chris Staebler, Stevens SWCD; Steph Adams, Watershed Coordinator.

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

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

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

John Lindquist moved to approve the bills to be paid as presented. Second by Joe Fox. Passed unanimously.

Keith Englund moved to approve the 2016 Financial Statements. Second by Joe Fox. Passed unanimously.

GRANT UPDATES

- 2017 Clean Water Fund grant was approved last month.
- SWAG grant for \$46,133 is ready to be executed in SWIFT online accounting portal. Jeanne Ennen moved to approve the SWAG grant agreement with MPCA. Rod Wenstrom seconded. Passed unanimously. She has offered the technician position to a candidate who accepted. She will work from late April through September. There were about 26 applicants and 4 were interviewed. Ennen moved to approve hiring Nicole Erickson at an hourly rate of \$15/hour, full time temporary from late April to September. Second by Keith Englund. Passed unanimously.
- 2016 Clean Water Fund grant hydro-conditioned DEM has gone through quality assurance and is in the final stages. They will present the product to the board at an upcoming meeting. The contract for services between the districts and the JPB was approved and signed by Chair Swanson.
- The BMP ranking sheet for the 2016 319 grant should be approved before the next meeting.

Steph gave a summary of her written coordinator's report.

Ben gave a report on recent TAC activity. Ranking criteria for the 2016 319 BMP prioritization will be the same, but each county will have a separate sheet based on applicable BMPs in their area. 1W1P steering committee broke into sub committees to discuss what needs to happen before the full committees can work on things. There will be a work plan and budget developed.

Steph gave an updated on the 1W1P steering committee. Eventually there will be a planning committee formed, a working group, north and south citizens committees. Next steering committee meeting is April 26. RFPs and work plan should be complete by then. There will be a short update after the April TAC as well.

No agency representatives were present to give reports. Board members discussed current legislation related to water quality.


The next meeting will be held Friday, April 14, 2017 at 9:00.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Jeanne Ennen, Secretary/Treasurer



Date