

Pomme de Terre River Association
Joint Powers Board Meeting
October 13, 2017
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Members present: Paul Groneberg, Keith Englund, Keith Swanson, Rod Wenstrom. Others present: Steph Adams, Watershed Coordinator; Chris Staebler, Stevens SWCD; Beau Peterson, Big Stone SWCD.

In the absence of a quorum, the group discussed upcoming issues and items that will need board approval in the near future.

The next meeting date is to be determined after a doodle poll. The regular November meeting date of Nov. 10 is a federal holiday.

Steph talked about the 1W1P public meetings that are happening at the end of this month. Dalton October 23 and Morris October 26. She discussed the booths and items that will be featured at the meetings. There will be activities during an open house session and also roundtable discussions and in-depth world café activities designed to gather public input.

The second cycle WRAPs is underway. The TAC developed a subcommittee to try to get the WRAPs and 1W1P plans to work together. They will develop a work plan to present to the JPB in December.

The 2014 is currently expiring 12-31-17. There are some projects with funding encumbered and some unencumbered funding at this time. Weather is a factor in getting these projects done prior to the grant expiration. Therefore, Pete recommended requesting another extension, through April of 2019, which would be the absolute longest possible deadline. The JPB will need to approve the request for this extension.

The 2016 Financial Statement audit has been completed by Peterson Company and will be submitted to the state.


Swanson commented on the very successful bus tour of the watershed. There have been many positive comments on the excellent information provided during the tour.

Emily Siira gave the group a demonstration of the DNR's WHAF (Watershed Health Assessment Framework) tool. This tool pulls together data related to biology, connectivity, geomorphology, hydrology, and water quality to help demonstrate the health of a watershed. It's available online from the DNR web site. You can select and explore specific watersheds. There are some tools and reports available within the WHAF. These could be used at public meetings and other applications as well. She showed the group a watershed flyover. She also presented this watershed flyover to the TAC at an earlier meeting. She described the different capabilities of the WHAF tool and the different ways the recorded flyover can be enhanced and used to give information.


A budget committee meeting will be held at 8:30 prior to the next regular meeting to draft a 2018 budget prior to the end of the year.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Jeanne Ennen, Secretary/Treasurer



Date