

Pomme de Terre River Association
Joint Powers Board Meeting
November 16, 2017
MINUTES

Members present: Dave Lonergan, Paul Barsness, Keith Englund, Jeanne Ennen, Keith Swanson, Joe Fox, Rod Wenstrom, Dan Morrill. Others present: Steph Adams, Watershed Coordinator; Chris Staebler, Stevens SWCD; Beau Peterson, Big Stone SWCD; Paul Wymar, MPCA; Megan Funke, EOR.

Business Items

Rod Wenstrom moved to approve the July 7 Minutes. Paul Barsness seconded. Passed unanimously.

Keith Englund moved to approve the October 13 Minutes. Second by Dave Lonergan. Passed unanimously.

Jeanne Ennen moved to approve the meeting Agenda as amended. Second by Joe Fox. Passed unanimously.

Dave Lonergan moved to approve the October 31 Treasurer's Report. Second by Rod Wenstrom. Passed unanimously.

Paul Barsness moved to pay the bills as presented. Second by Keith Englund. Passed unanimously.

The budget committee met prior to this meeting. Swanson brought up the need for a change in contract for host agent, at the request of Stevens SWCD. A new contract will be drafted for approval at the next meeting.

Grant Updates

Joe Fox moved to approve the 2014 CWF grant extension until April 15, 2019. Second by Dan Morrill. Passed unanimously.

2014 319 grant has most funding encumbered. There is \$6600 in project funding to be encumbered if possible.

Most CWF funding for SWCDs has been used. 2017 is in progress. No application was made for the 2018 CWF grant.

A subcommittee of TAC members has been working on the Cycle 2 WRAPS workplan. Thus far the TAC has recommended delegating the tasks of writing the WRAPS and TMDL reports to the MPCA. The subcommittee (Paul-MPCA, Andy-Swift, Joe-Grant, Steph, and Brad-BWSR) is currently working on a Public Participation piece of the Cycle 2 workplan and how the plan can complement 1W1P. The workplan is currently leaning towards an emphasis on developing partnerships and trust between various local groups (township boards, lake assoc., etc.) and creating small focus groups in targeted specific areas designed to look at potential solutions for that area. The subcommittee will present the current plan to the TAC for review and will present to the JPB at either the December or January meeting. Funding for the Cycle 2 WRAPS will be available in July at the earliest. An amount is yet to be determined.

Coordinators Report

Steph updated the board on outreach and education activities that happened this late summer and fall. Citizens advisory meetings were held this fall and additional meetings will be held as well.

TAC Report

Beau reported on recent TAC activity. He thanked the board for approving the grant extension which will allow several landowners to complete projects already in progress. Chair Swanson thanked the TAC for a job well done in assisting this board, as always.

1W1P Presentation

EOR Consulting is working on 1W1P. Megan Funke from EOR presented some of the findings from committee meetings and other events organized since work on the project started in July. She first outlined the elements of 1W1P, including identification & prioritizing issues, establishing goals, and implementation activities. The group has completed a review of local planning documents, public discussions, and initial prioritization. Next steps include zonation and further prioritization. She described what the public meetings were like and summarized the comments received from those groups. She showed the initial prioritization results, where activities were placed in three tiers. Most important issues included protecting unused, unsealed wellheads and protecting drinking water supply area. They are working on mapping tools and preparing for upcoming CAC meetings. More prioritization will happen after that and resulting goals will be set. She reviewed the EOR work plan and gave the board copies of her presentation slides.

She then presented information about the zonation. Five categories need to be ranked today. She distributed a survey and asked for thoughts and comments in addition to the completed survey. Board members mentioned several concerns.

MPCA Report


Paul Wymar from MPCA presented information on monitoring results from 2017 and answered questions for the board. This data was not compared to long term data and this is the first year we've had this much data.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m. The next meeting will be held at 9:00 a.m. December 8. There will be a personnel committee meeting at 8:30 prior to that. Personnel committee includes Rod Wenstrom, Jeanne Ennen, Joe Fox, John Lindquist, Paul Barsness, Greg Lillemon, Matt Solemsaas and Keith Swanson. Matt Solemsaas will distribute staff review forms to be completed prior to that.

Respectfully submitted:



Jeanne Ennen, Secretary/Treasurer



Date