

Pomme de Terre River Association
Joint Powers Board
Minutes
March 9, 2018
USDA-ARS Soils Lab, Morris MN

Chair Swanson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Members present: Keith Swanson, Jeanne Ennen, John Lindquist, Clint Schuerman, Rod Wenstrom, Paul Barsness, Paul Groneberg, Joe Fox, Dave Lonergan, Keith England, Jay Backer, Dan Morrill. Others present: Mitch Fox; Steph Adams, Watershed Coordinator; Andy Rice, TAC Chair; Paul Wymar, MPCA; Chris Staebler, Stevens SWCD.

Joe Fox moved to approve the February 9, 2017 minutes. Second by Rod Wenstrom. Passed unanimously.

Agenda was approved unanimously on a motion by Jeanne Ennen and second by Jay Backer.

Old Business

Policy committee appointments were tabled from the last meeting. After looking at past committee practice, the policy committee will be the board as a whole.

Dave Lonergan moved approval of the February 28, 2018 Treasurer's Report. Second by Paul Groneberg. Passed unanimously.

Rod Wenstrom moved to pay the bills as stated. Second by Paul Groneberg. Passed unanimously.

One Watershed One Plan

EOR Consulting representatives gave an update on the 1W1P planning process via web conference. They discussed the results of the recent survey completed by the planning and CAC committees. The planning committee met twice to look at the zonation maps, and identified priority areas, which the consultants summarized for the board. The consultants summarized the priority areas set at the north and south CAC meetings. They wanted to acknowledge, in general, all these groups are on the same page and recognize what needs to be done going forward. Next steps are to create a map showing the priorities on the landscape, and to document why these were identified as priority areas. Then, work will center around identifying issues and concerns within each priority area, what projects completed, and how they can be funded.

New Business

- Steph gave an update on progress within the current grants. Grant expenses include mostly admin over the winter. Change orders were completed for the PreWRAPS and SWAG grant to allow for more staff time for monitoring. The comment regarding re-classification of Muddy Creek was submitted and it will probably be a while before we hear back on that.
- The RFP for 2018 Federal 319 funding was submitted. The application focused on soil health and outreach activities.

Coordinator's Report

The bulk of Steph's time was spent on the 2018 319 application, which she and Joe Montonye worked on and others reviewed. The 1W1P committee meetings held recently were well attended and productive.

TAC Report

The TAC meeting dealt with 1W1P planning at their last meeting. A large WASCOD project in Stevens County was allocated funding at this meeting as well. The project will use a large amount of available funding, but was awarded funding because it ranked very high and will use federal 2016 319 funding. There are also some additional smaller projects in the works which may use the rest of available 2014 CWF funding before the deadline.

Bois de Sioux 1W1P

The Bois de Sioux Watershed District will handle the fiscal duties for the 1W1P.

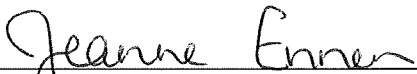
Agency Reports

Paul Wymar, MPCA noted that he looked at the lake data that was just released and discussed with the board what the likely impairments will be when they're formally announced after the monitoring is completed later this year.

Next meeting will be Friday, April 13, 2018.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30.

Respectfully submitted,



Jeanne Ennen, Secretary/Treasurer