

Pomme de Terre River Association
Joint Powers Board
Minutes
April 13, 2018
USDA-ARS Soils Lab, Morris MN

Chair Swanson discussed the progress of the Chippewa River Watershed Project and their 1W1P.

Chair Swanson called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

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

Rod Wenstrom moved to approve the March 9, 2018 minutes. Second by Jay Backer. Passed unanimously.

Agenda was approved unanimously, as amended, on a motion by Jeanne Ennen and second by Joe Fox.

Keith Englund moved to approve the 3-31-18 Treasurer's Report. Second by Paul Barsness. Passed unanimously.

Clint Schuerman moved to pay the bills listed. Second by Paul Barsness. Passed unanimously.

John Lindquist moved to approve the 2017 budget vs actual & Q1 2018 budget vs actual. Second by Rod Wenstrom. Passed unanimously.

Jeanne Ennen moved to approve 2017 financial statements. Second by Paul Groneberg. Passed unanimously.

PDTRA Business

Steph gave a summary of remaining funding for the existing grants. We were not selected for the 2018 federal 319 grant round.

Steph drafted a letter of support for the U of M Extension grant geared toward implementing programs Jeanne Ennen moved to approve sending this letter of support for the program. Second by Jay Backer. Passed unanimously.

The Regional Fitness Center at Morris is also applying for a grant with a water resource component and they have asked for an in-kind involvement from the PDTRA. Joe Fox moved to provide in-kind support for the RFC's outdoor recreation/education grant. Second by Jeanne Ennen. Passed unanimously.

John Lindquist moved to approve the use of \$972 from the 2014 federal 319 for soil educational equipment to be used at the West Central Area Secondary School's Environmental Learning Center. Second by Paul Groneberg. Passed unanimously.

Mitch Fox has been hired as the seasonal technician for the 2018 season. Jay Backer moved to approve up to 21 hours per week for seasonal employment (Handbook Appendix B). Second by Keith Englund. Passed unanimously.

Jeanne Ennen moved to approve a 5-40 variation schedule for the Watershed Coordinator. Second by John Lindquist. Passed unanimously. She will begin this in the second week of May, through the monitoring season.

Coordinator's Report

Steph sent out the BWSR Biennial Budget Request. She is processing the Q1 timesheets from the districts. She's also getting equipment ready and getting organized for the upcoming monitoring season.

TAC Report

Most of the committee's time recently is being spent on 1W1P. They are identifying priority concerns and setting goals. Chair Swanson thanked the group for their continued excellent work which is vital to the success of the association.

1W1P

The first draft of the Planning Process for the Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan has been sent to the TAC for editing and review. After they suggest changes, the document will come before the JPB for review and approval. Steph asked the board to take a look at the document and note any questions or suggestions they have.

There will be future drafts sent as well, which she'll send out for comments from the board.

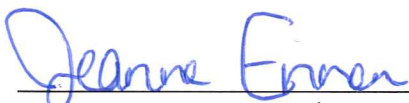
There was discussion on recent proposed changes to BWSR's buffer law. The APO was voted down by the BWSR Board Committee yesterday.

No agencies were present to give reports.

Next meeting will be Friday, May 11, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jeanne Ennen, Secretary/Treasurer