

Pomme de Terre River Association
Joint Powers Board
Minutes
June 8, 2018
USDA-ARS Soils Lab, Morris MN

Chair Swanson called the meeting to order at 9:05.

Members present: Jeanne Ennen, Paul Barsness, Keith Englund, Keith Swanson, John Lindquist, Rod Wenstrom, Paul Groneberg. Others present: Steph Adams, Watershed Coordinator; Paul Wymar, MPCA; Chris Staebler, Stevens SWCD; Andy Rice, TAC, Douglas SWCD; Pete Waller, BWSR.

John Lindquist moved to approve the minutes from the April 13 meeting. Second by Paul Barsness. Passed unanimously.

Jeanne Ennen moved to approve the agenda as amended. Second by Rod Wenstrom. Passed unanimously.

One Watershed One Plan

Megan from EOR Consulting gave an update on timeline and progress so far. Since the May meeting was skipped and there are multiple staff and board changes recently, the timeline will be extended a few months. Plans at this time are to adopt the plan in July of 2019. Currently working on setting goals. She also talked about content requirements of the plan, including compiling a water resource inventory, identifying and prioritizing resources and issues, setting measurable goals, and targeting implementation activities.

Next 1W1P meeting will be scheduled to avoid the 4th of July holiday.

The Treasurer's Report was approved on a motion by Keith Englund and a second by Paul Groneberg. Passed unanimously.

John Lindquist moved to pay the bills. Second by Keith Englund. Passed unanimously.

Jeanne Ennen moved to have Peterson Company Ltd complete the 2017 financial statement audit. Second by John Lindquist. Passed unanimously.

Grant Funding Overview

Printed report of grant funding progress was compiled. The SWAG grant was revised after that report was made.

- 2014 Federal 319: The 2014 Federal 319 is going to close in August 2018. There is a small amount of project funding available and Steph is working on potential projects.
- 2016 Clean Water Fund: The PTMApp is finished and Steph has the final report. Mark plans to come and talk to the TAC about the final results. They would like to use PTMApp for 1W1P and they plan to meet in late June to go over the report. Steph will look at purchasing a separate external hard drive to hold the PTMApp.
- 2019 CWF Grant: The TAC is beginning to look at a 2019 CWF grant RFP. Counties are completing worksheets to determine what projects will need to be funded.

Monitoring Updates

- Monitoring has begun for the season. Mitch Fox has completed some training and has been working on his own to collect samples. He is not able to attend these meetings because of another prior work commitment. Paul Barsness moved to approve the boat rental contract with Jared House for the season. Second by Rod Wenstrom. Passed unanimously.

Coordinator's Report

- In addition to the printed report, Steph received an email regarding the current classification of Muddy Creek. They agreed to look at the area again after our current monitoring season and reassess. The dam project is still in progress, but it's getting close to being done. She has been putting together a kayak route and hopes to have the events planned for the end of June and beginning of July. She is working on a compressed schedule now, as approved previously. She attended a lake association meeting on North Turtle Lake presenting monitoring results.

TAC Report

- Andy Rice gave a report on recent TAC activity. Most 1W1P was covered in Megan's presentation. They met Wednesday and reviewed work over the last couple months.

Legislative Update

- Pete Waller gave a printed and verbal report on recent legislative activity.


Agency Reports

- Pete gave an update on BWSR activity. BWSR board is looking at making changes to the CREP program. They met in several areas across the state to gather input on what will improve the program. Comments in general included the need for more funding, allowing more non-cropped acres, and increasing upland to wetland ratio.
- Paul Wymar reported for MPCA. He discussed the new process for getting small watershed 319 funding. Once approved for a 4-year grant, entities would be eligible for additional funding every 4 years thereafter. Ten watersheds will be approved each round, for a total of 40.
- Keith reported on the Chippewa River Watershed Project. Emma Volz from Marshall was hired as the new coordinator to replace Kylene Olson, who recently retired. She will begin in mid-June. They decided not to hire a second employee to replace the other one who just left her position as well. The group is still trying to progress in the 1W1P process. They have some roadblocks related to the forming of a JPB.
- John Lindquist reported that the Bois de Sioux watershed is currently working on by-laws and documents so they can become a joint powers entity for the 1W1P process.

The next meeting will be held July 13 at 9:00 a.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Jeanne Ennen, Secretary/Treasurer



Date