

Pomme de Terre River Association
Meeting Minutes
August 9, 2019
USDA-ARS Soils Lab

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

Board members present: Paul Groneberg, Tim Kalina, Jay Backer, Keith Swanson, Jeanne Ennen, John Lindquist, Joe Fox, Rod Wenstrom, Dave Lonergan, Dan Morill. Others present: Andy Albertsen, TAC Chair; Pete Waller, BWSR; Chris Staebler, Stevens SWCD; Steph Adams, Watershed Coordinator.

Rod Wenstrom move the approval of the minutes from July meeting. Second by Jay Backer. Passed unanimously.

John Lindquist moved to approve the Agenda. Second by Jeanne Ennen. Passed unanimously.

Dave Lonergan moved the approval of the Treasurer's Report. Second by Jay Backer. Passed unanimsouly. Chris noted that the 2018 audit will take place Wednesday 8-14-19.

Jeanne Ennen moved to approve payment of the bills. Second by Paul Groneberg. Passed unanimously.

Steph gave an overview of grant funding as of 7-31-19.

- The majority of the 2017 CWF funding has been spent. Some remaining project funding will be used for staff time overages.
- The 1W1P grant will be extended to next year. She expects to spend the \$20,000 in available contingency funding on her time as well as any other expenses due to the grant extension/increased time.
- We have almost 50% of the federal 319 grants spent. The grant closes 8-31-19. Some districts have projects that will be completed this fall and some have pending projects to be constructed in the spring.
- Mostly LGU time and a few projects have been paid through the 2019 CWF grant. This doesn't expire until 2021.
- The 2019 federal 319 grant will be awarded in the near future, with initial funding likely to arrive in the spring. This is is a \$304,100 reimbursable grant.

The board discussed grant funding in general and what grants have been received, how future funding will change, etc.

The BWSR Board tour will take place August 28. JPB members will speak during the tour and all are encouraged to attend. The bus will leave from the GrandStay Hotel at 8:15 a.m. At the Mill Dam, Keith will be giving the welcome and Steph will give a tour overview. The shoreline restoration at the dam will be the first tour stop and Matt Solemsaas will speak about this project. The full schedule and list of speakers was reviewed. Steph will send out the email from BWSR with their schedule as well as talking points for tour speakers.

The Citizens Water Monitoring Social will be held at UMM in September. They asked Steph to participate in a panel that day.

Coordinator Report

- First river run scheduled had about 40 registered but it rained and the event was cancelled. 35 participants came and tried to wait out the rain but eventually the event was cancelled. The next run is scheduled for August 16 at Tipsinah Mounds in Grant County.

TAC Report

- They met earlier this week to talk about the 1W1P and other TAC activity. They are still in the informal review stage. They also discussed a soil health meeting held in July. 9 of 12 invited producers attended. The TAC was happy with this event which had great participation and idea exchange. Paul Groneberg attended and also appreciated the opportunity. The TAC discussed ideas for future work of this soil health team.

1W1P Updates

- The TAC wants more time to review and edit the plan. The September meeting will have a longer discussion and a recommended plan ready for distribution. The JPB will formally approve in October. The TAC may recommend a joint meeting of the JPB and TAC in November (8) so there is opportunity to discuss. Then there are agency reviews that have to take place, and hopefully the final plan will be adopted by May.
- Joe Fox moved to submit a request to BWSR to extend the grant agreement through 12-31-2020. Second by Paul Groneberg. This will allow the above process to play out and it's expected that this will be completed next spring.

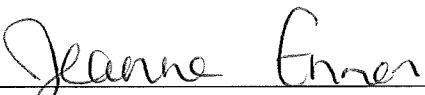
Pete distributed a 2019 Legislative Session Summary and spoke to the group about funding and other legislative issues. The board appreciated his input on the different discussion items. He also mentioned that BWSR will be starting a pilot (competitive) cover crop program this fall awarding about \$1 million statewide.

No other agencies were present to report.

Next meeting date will be determined after Steph sends a poll.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jeanne Ennen, Secretary/Treasurer

9-23-19
Date