

**Pomme de Terre River Association
Joint Powers Board Meeting Minutes
9:30 a.m. February 14, 2020
ARS Soils Lab, Morris MN**

Vice Chair Wenstrom called the meeting to order at 9:25 a.m.

Board members present: Keith Englund, Paul Groneberg, Joe Fox, Rod Wenstrom, Jeanne Ennen, Joe Fox, Paul Barsness, Dale Schlieman, Dave Lonergan, John Lindquist, Dan Morrill.

Others present: Ben Underhill, TAC Chair; Paul Wymar, MPCA; Pete Waller, BWSR; Micayla Lakey, Watershed Coordinator; Chris Staebler, Stevens SWCD.

Jeanne Ennen moved to approve the Minutes from the December meetings. Second by Paul Groneberg. Passed unanimously.

Keith Englund moved to approve the Agenda as amended from original. Second by Joe Fox. Passed unanimously.

Annual Reorganization

John Lindquist nominated Keith Swanson as board chair. Second by Jeanne Ennen. Passed unanimously. There were no other nominations. John Lindquist moved to cast unanimous ballot electing Swanson as board chair. Jeanne Ennen seconded. Passed unanimously.

Joe Fox moved to re-elect the current Vice Chair and Secretary/Treasurer. Paul Groneberg. Seconded. Passed unanimously.

Joe Fox moved to keep budget and personnel committees the same. John Lindquist second. Passed unanimously. The budget committee will include the executive committee, commissioners from Swift and Otter Tail counties, Fiscal Agent, TAC Chair, and PDT Coordinator. The personnel committee will include the Executive Committee, commissioners from Otter tail, Swift, Big Stone and Douglas counties, TAC Chair, and fiscal agent representative.

Joe moved to schedule meetings on the second Friday of each month, beginning at 8:30 April through October and 9:30 a.m. November through March. Keith Englund seconded. Passed unanimously.

Financial Matters

Keith Englund moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. Second by John Lindquist. Passed unanimously.

Paul Barsness moved to pay the bills. Dave Lonergan seconded. Passed unanimously.

Coordinator's Report

See written report. Attending lots of meetings. Working on Soil Health Team activities and 1W1P public hearings. 60-day review period ended 2-11-2020. She is compiling comments which will be addressed at a planning committee meeting in March. Public hearings will also be held in the beginning of March in

Morris and Dalton. Comments from those will also be addressed at that meeting. She anticipates the plan coming before the JPB at their April meeting.

Micayla summarized funding to come and to be closed out this year. The TAC is working hard to get some contracts for projects completed before the expiration of the 2016 federal 319 grant. A one-month extension has been requested for this grant.

TAC Report

Ben Underhill reported for the TAC. He is the new chair of that committee. They are working with Paul on developing a cover crop policy to be used with the 2016 federal 319 grant in order to use remaining funding prior to the grant deadline. A separate policy will be developed for use of future funding.

They will also be working with Micayla to prepare for the 1W1P public hearing.

1W1P Timeline and General Update

Formal review period is over. Public hearings will be held in early March. We are on schedule to approve the final plan mid-year.

Agency Updates

Pete gave an update on BWSR activity. He talked about the comments he submitted for the 1W1P and talked about the beginning of the legislative sessions.

Paul updated on MPCA activity. It's annual reporting time. PDTRA reports have been submitted and things there are going fine despite the change in personnel since the last reporting period.

Additional Items

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m. The next meeting will tentatively be held March 13, 2020, beginning at 9:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Ennen, Secretary/Treasurer

Date