

Pomme de Terre River Association
Joint Powers Board
Meeting Minutes
Friday, January 8, 2021
9:00 a.m. via WebEx conference call

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

Board members present: Rod Wenstrom, Ken Johnson, Joe Fox, Paul Groneberg, Dave Lonergan, Jeanne Ennen, Kurt Mortenson, Keith Englund, Dan Morrill. Others present: Micayla Lakey, Watershed Coordinator; Pete Waller, BWSR; Paul Wymar, MPCA; Andy Rice, Douglas SWCD; Chris Staebler, Stevens SWCD.

Jeanne Ennen moved to approve the Minutes from the December meeting. Second by Dan Morrill. Passed unanimously.

Paul Groneberg moved to approve the Agenda as amended. Second by Kurt Mortenson. Passed unanimously.

Board members introduced each other as we have new members on the board this year. Ken Johnson replaces Keith Swanson and Kurt Mortenson replaces John Lindquist.

Special Election of Officers

Jeanne Ennen moved to nominate Rod Wenstrom as chair. Keith Englund seconded. No other nominations. Kurt moved nominations cease. Second by Dan Morrill. Passed unanimously. Paul Groneberg moved to cast a unanimous ballot electing Rod Wenstrom as chair. Second by Jeanne Ennen. Passed unanimously.

Keith Englund moved to nominate Joe Fox for Vice Chair. Jeanne Ennen seconded. Passed unanimously. No other nominations. Dave Lonergan moved to cast a unanimous ballot electing Joe Fox as Vice Chair. Passed unanimously.

Joe Fox moved to re-elect Jeanne Ennen as Secretary/Treasurer. Second by Keith Englund. Passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Dan Morrill moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. Second by Keith Englund. Passed unanimously.

Paul Groneberg moved to approve the bills to pay as listed, with payment to Swift SWCD project payment being made as soon as possible after reimbursement. Second by Kurt Mortenson. Motion passed unanimously.

Truck bids

4 bids were received for the Ford Ranger. The high bid was over our set reserve and the TAC at their meeting Wednesday recommended that the JPB approve the high bid. Johnson moved to accept the high bid of \$4897. Second by Englund. Passed unanimously.

Coordinator's Report

- Micayla is working on two grant closeouts and grant reimbursement (WRAPs and 319) requests.
- She gave the board a summary of the funding request for the Watershed Based Implementation Funding. We hope to have a grant agreement ready for signature at the February meeting.
- She gave a summary of the grant funding update that was emailed.

TAC Report

Danny Tuckett is the new TAC chair and was not able to be here for this meeting today. Andy Rice was present at the meeting and welcomed the new committee members and gave them an idea of what the purpose of the TAC is.

Agency Reports

- Pete Waller, BWSR, welcomed the new board members and introduced himself. He welcomed them and any board members interested to have a discussion about what BWSR is and how that relates to the JPB, SWCDs and counties. Legislative session started January 5. The governor will propose his budget on January 26. BWSR's budget is part of this request. May 17 is when the legislative session is scheduled to end. As mentioned, the BWSR grants compliance specialist is not working full time at this time, but they will work with us as much as possible to get our reimbursements processed as soon as possible.
- Paul Wymar, MPCA, welcomed new board members and introduced himself.

Andy mentioned the need to review the county funding allocation request for the information of the new board members. Micayla showed the summary of that request and Chris detailed the need for the requests.

The next meeting will be held February 12 at 9 a.m. at the Morris Fire Hall with the option to call in virtually as well.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Ennen, Secretary/Treasurer

Date