

Pomme de Terre River Association
Joint Powers Board Meeting
Friday, November 12, 2021, 9 a.m.
Morris Fire Hall & via Webex

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

Present: Rod Wenstrom, Joe Fox, Jeanne Ennen, Kurt Mortenson, Paul Barsness, Paul Groneberg, Ken Johnson. Present virtually: Dan Morrill. Others present: Micayla Lakey, Coordinator; Chris Staebler, Stevens SWCD; Others present virtually: Danny Tuckett, TAC chair.

Joe Fox moved to approve the Minutes from the October Regular meeting, budget committee meeting and personnel committee meeting. Second by Kurt Mortenson. Passed unanimously.

Jeanne Ennen moved to approve the Agenda as printed. Second by Paul Groneberg. Passed unanimously.

The Treasurer's Report was unanimously approved on a motion by Paul Barsness and second by Kurt Mortenson.

Joe Fox moved to approve the Management Representation Letter to the 2020 financial statement auditors, Peterson Company LLC. Second by Paul Groneberg and all members voting aye, the motion passed.

Paul Barsness moved to approve the 2022 budget as drafted. Second by Jeanne Ennen. Passed unanimously.

Funding Overview

The 2016 Federal 319 grant has been completely closed out.

The WRAPS grant has some funding available in LGU time, staff time, and outreach materials. This grant ends at the end of June. The TAC is working on an annual meeting and other field days to spend this funding before the grant expires. We have some lake reports being completed by RMB Labs which also need to be completed before the end of the grant.

The 2019 CWF grant is fully encumbered. There is LGU and staff time left and there could potentially be some slippage on projects but this funding is mostly spent.

The 2019 Federal 319 grant funding is also mostly encumbered. There is LGU, staff and outreaching funding still available.

The 2021 WBIF has a small amount of project funding encumbered and some of the LGUs and Micayla have started using funding available for time. The next round of this funding becomes available by next July. Board was asked for clarification on how much of the current grant needs to be spent before we will be spent funding for the next round.

Coordinator’s Report

Micayla attended six online BWSR Academy sessions.

The PDTRA is planning an annual meeting on November 30 from 6:00-7:30 at Old No 1 in Morris. This is a public meeting with invitations sent to some agency partners and interested landowners and public notices on Facebook. There is a guest speaker who will talk about regenerative agriculture. Members please share this invitation with the rest of your boards.

She is working on processing the payments to LGUs for their Q3 time expended.

She is meeting with Houston Engineering about a PTMApp update.

The next meeting will tentatively be held December 10, 2021. Wenstrom and Lakey will determine whether or not there is business to be addressed at the meeting.

Wenstrom reported for Jared House, who could not be in attendance this morning. House reported on behalf of the TAC that there has so far been a big improvement in the Watershed Coordinator’s performance since the last meeting.

There were no agency reports.

Jeanne talked about a cost share project Stevens County did with Stevens SWCD to help fund some side inlets on a county ditch. She mentioned other counties may want to look into doing this as well.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Ennen, Secretary/Treasurer

Date