

Pomme de Terre River Association
Joint Powers Board
Meeting Minutes
Friday, July 9, 2021
Morris Fire Hall, Morris MN

Members present: Rod Wenstrom, Kurt Mortenson, Joe Fox, Keith Englund, Paul Barsness, Jeanne Ennen, Dale Schlieman, Ken Johnson, Paul Groneberg.

Others present: Micayla Lakey, Project Coordinator; Matt Solemsaas & Chris Staebler, Stevens SWCD.

Chair Wenstrom called the meeting to order at 9 a.m. Introductions were made.

The Minutes from the June 11, 2021 meeting were unanimously approved on a motion by Jeanne Ennen and second by Kurt Mortenson.

The Agenda was unanimously approved on a motion by Keith Englund and a second by Paul Barsness.

The Treasurer's Report was unanimously approved on a motion by Paul Groneberg and second by Jeanne Ennen.

The Bills to Pay were unanimously approved on a motion by Joe Fox and second by Paul Barsness.

COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Grants Update

- 2016 Federal 319 grant funds are almost completely expended. The grant expires at the end of August.
- WRAPS extension was approved and the budget was revised. The total budget is now about \$85,000. There are some field days and other public outreach events in the works. We will also organize an annual meeting in November. There is a sub-committee working on these activities.
- 2019 CWF is extended until the end of 2022. There were a few projects which could not be completed before the grant was set to expire.
- 2019 federal 319 grant has a lot of time left to allocate and spend funds. There are several larger projects with funding allocated at this time.
- We have not started spending WBIF funding.

Micayla is planning to attend a few of the county fairs this year. She asked if anyone specifically wanted her to attend their fairs and/or set up a display.

She is also planning to attend Conservation Day in Stevens/Pope counties in September. She is working with Judy from Stevens SWCD on this.

The WRAPS sub-committee is working with her on organizing field days and outreach events.

PDTRA BUSINESS

The budget committee will meet before the September meeting to draft the 2022 budget.

After a recent request, Micayla has been reviewing the JPB policy and will add a fee schedule for data requests. Jeanne mentioned that Stevens County has a policy for electronic data requests that we could use for a template. Each county already has a policy in place. The board discussed what they would like to charge for hourly work and copies made. She will have a draft available at the next meeting.

TAC REPORT

Matt Solemsaas reported that the TAC met earlier this week. It's field season so there's a lot of work going on and projects being completed. There will be some additional reporting required/requested by BWSR.

No agency reports.

The August meeting will be cancelled if there isn't enough business. Micayla will notify everyone ahead of time.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Ennen, Secretary/Treasurer

Date