

Pomme de Terre River Association
Joint Powers Board Meeting Minutes
April 8, 2022
9:00 a.m. Morris Fire Hall

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

Present: Rod Wenstrom, Dave Lonergan, Jeff Klages, Ken Johnson, Kurt Mortenson, Ron Reisdorph, Keith Englund, Joe Fox, Paul Groneberg, Jeanne Ennen. Others present: Jared House, TAC rep; Micayla Lakey, Watershed Coordinator; Chris Staebler, Stevens SWCD. Others present virtually: Pete Waller, BWSR.

Agenda was unanimously approved on a motion by Joe Fox and second by Keith Englund.

Minutes from the March meeting were approved on a motion by Jeanne Ennen and second by Kurt Mortenson.

The Treasurer's Report was unanimously approved on a motion by Jeff Klages and second by Keith Englund.

Keith Englund moved to pay the bills. Second Paul Groneberg. Passed unanimously.

Funding Overview

Micayla reported on the grant funding available in each of the grants and LGU time. Quarter 1 time has not been processed yet. Districts need to turn in hours by April 15 and checks will be sent out by the end of the month.

Coordinator's Report

Soil Health Strip till meeting March 9 in Morris. Good discussions and feedback were obtained.

The TAC is working on putting together the funding request and work plan for the next WBIF round. They are discussing where the money will be allocated and plan to bring a recommendation to the JPB at their next meeting. This will include a recommendation on what to request from counties going forward. The group discussed county allocations and how those tie in to what can be paid for by grants. The return on investment is extremely high. Micayla and the TAC will come to the JPB with a recommendation. Micayla will be meeting with SWCD and county boards between now and June. We can look at having a CPA present at the next meeting to help explain things. Chris will prepare the BWSR dashboard as one of the reports for next meeting also that will show how funding is trending through the years.

TAC Report

Soil Health meeting on March 9 was well attended and a lot of good discussion was had. A producer showed the pros and cons of strip till and cover crops. They sent a survey and are waiting to compile the findings from that. They have created a large farmer to farmer network to mentor producers interested in implementing soil health practices.

Agency Reports

Pete Waller stepped away but Jared summarized what he mentioned at the recent TAC meeting. BWSR will be hiring a new BC and their areas may change so we may have another BC in the future.

There will be no May meeting. Next meeting will be June 10 at 8:30 a.m. Location TBD.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Ennen, Secretary/Treasurer

Date