

Pomme de Terre River Association
Joint Powers Board Meeting Minutes
Friday, June 10, 2022
8:30 a.m. Morris Fire Hall or via Webex

Chair Wenstrom called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Board members present: Rod Wenstrom, Edward Peterson, Dave Lonergan, Jeanne Ennen, Paul Groneberg, Jeff Klages, Kurt Mortenson, Keith Englund. Present by Paul Barsness. Others present: Greg Lillemon, Grant County; Micayla Lakey, Watershed Coordinator; Pete Waller, BWSR. Chris Staebler, Stevens SWCD. Others present via Webex: Paul Wymar, MPCA; Andy Albertsen, Swift SWCD; Michael Peterson, Peterson Company LLC.

Chair Wenstrom asked everyone to introduce themselves.

Minutes from the April meeting were unanimously approved on a motion by Keith Englund and second by Dave Lonergan.

Agenda as amended was unanimously approved on a motion by Jeanne Ennen and second by Kurt Mortenson.

Treasurer's Report was unanimously approved on a motion by Paul Groneberg and second by Keith Englund.

There were no bills to pay.

Michael Peterson, CPA, from Peterson Company LLC met with the board to discuss financial matters.

Greg Lillemon presented information regarding the Silver Lake Water Control Structure Situation. He wants the board to be aware of what's happening so they can make a decision on whether or not to install a control structure. The TAC will look at the project as well, and have the county engineers explain to the TAC whether or not there's a flow/control issue. The JPB can then discuss at their next meeting.

Unanimous approval to contract Peterson Company LLC for 2021 financial statement audit on a motion by Keith Englund and second by Jeanne Ennen.

Coordinator's Report

We have spent almost all of the funding for the WRAPS grant, which expires at the end of this month. The TAC is working to spend as much as possible of what's remaining.

2019 CWF grant fund is about 80% spent. We are on track to have all funding spent prior to expiration at the end of the year.

2019 Federal 319 grant is being spent on a reasonable timeline to expect this grant to be fully spent prior to expiration in August 2023.

2021 WBIF grant funding is mostly unspent as we finish up other grants first. Some district and the Watershed Coordinator have spent funding on time.

She outlined LGU time and project funding available in each county for each of the grants. Big Stone SWCD is understaffed and have not spent a lot of time on work in the watershed in general. In the near future, they will be releasing much of the funding they have allocated as of now. There will be budget adjustments made to the applicable grants.

She is working on final reporting for the WRAPS grant that expires at the end of the month.

She and the TAC are working on the application for the 2023 WBIF funding. They are trying to have the application ready for the board to approve this at the next month's meeting.

She worked with UMN Extension on some biomass sampling at the USDA-ARS plots.

She has started presenting a PDTRA Update at SWCD and county board meetings and will round these out in the next few months.

She'll be attending some conferences and education events coming up in the next couple months.

The October meetings will either need to be cancelled or rescheduled.

Lillemon noted he had no additional report from the TAC.

Agency Reports

Paul Wymar, MPCA, noted that he appreciated the meeting and learned a lot.

Pete Waller, BWSR, gave a legislative update. He discussed what's been approved, including 7 different types of RIM, 3 appropriations for forestry-related projects and an ag/broadband financial assistance program pilot. The SWCD Aid proposal is still pending.

The next meeting will be held July 8, 2022 at 8:30 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Ennen, Secretary/Treasurer

Date