

Pomme de Terre River Association  
**Joint Powers Board Meeting Minutes**  
Friday, August 9, 2024  
Morris Fire Hall

Chair Mahoney called the meeting to order at 8:30. The new Watershed Coordinator, Sophia Maruska, was introduced.

Present: Larry Mahoney, Lee Rogness, Dave Lonergan, Larry Stevens, Keith Englund, Paul Barsness, Alan Golden, Jeff Klages, Dan Morrill, Rod Wenstrom. Others present: Aaron Larsen, WOT SWCD; Pete Waller, BWSR; Sophia Maruska, Watershed Coordinator; Chris Staebler, Stevens SWCD.

The minutes were unanimously approved on a motion by Larry Stevens and second by Alan Golden.

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

The Treasurer's Report was unanimously approved on a motion by Dave Lonergan and second by Alan Golden.

There were no bills to pay.

### **2023 WBIF**

Aaron will be assisting Sophia from here on out, but will not lead discussions from now on. He summarized activity on this grant. Some admin funding will be moved to compensate WOT SWCD for Aaron's work as interim coordinator.

### **2025 WBIF**

#### Work Plan

- Aaron summarized the 2025 WBIF application. There is funding included in this to cover the watershed coordinator's salary. This was submitted at the end of July and we just received word that the application was approved. Sophia and Aaron will work on the work plan and once it's submitted and approved, the grant agreement will be sent out. Lee Rogness moved to approve the work plan and grant agreements for the 2025 WBIF and give signing authority to the Watershed Coordinator. Keith Englund seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

#### Contract for Services

- The TAC reviewed and recommends that the JPB approve the 2025 WBIF Contract for Services. Dan Morrill moved to approve the Contract for Services. Second by Alan Golden. Passed unanimously.

### **DNR Grant for Dam Removal**

- Work in underway on the engineering for the Perkins Dam.
- There is a separate grant agreement for the Crissy Dam. This was pre-authorized by the JPB and has now been executed. Next steps will be to line up a consultant and begin designs.

### **CRP Incentive Grant**

Aaron presented a program log for this grant. We have been approved to receive another grant (\$100,000) after the \$30,000 pilot program grant. Paul Barsness moved to approve the CRP Grant Agreement. Second by Rod Wenstrom. Passed unanimously. TAC will begin working on the work plan. The pilot was a reimbursable LCCMR grant. The new grant will be general fund and it will be received in a one-time up front payment.

Aaron summarized a draft policy the TAC developed based on the current pilot grant policy which, if approved, will apply to any future CRP Incentive Grants. Lee Rogness moved to adopt the CRP Incentive Grant policy as developed by the TAC. Second by Dan Morrill. Passed unanimously.

### **TAC Report**

Aaron covered most TAC activity earlier in the meeting. They are working on spending all of the 2023 funding.

### **Coordinator's Report**

The Quarter 2 checks were mailed recently. She's been visiting LGU offices. She updated the web site. She also updated the list of JPB members/contacts. She is going to update the coordinator position description. She went to Hort Night and the Stevens County Fair. There is funding available for education and outreach and she will look at updating/purchasing promotional materials. There is a soil health field day in Donnelly next week. She also met with a limnology professor at UMM. She also has some youth educational sessions planned for the fall. She has some time off scheduled in October and the TAC is aware/ok with the fact that Q3 payments to LGUs may be a bit late.

### **Agency Reports**

Pete Waller, BWSR, gave a legislative report and talked about activity in soil health. Because of all the additional funding available in this area, no soil health funding was requested in the 2025 WBIF. Most of that funding is earmarked for larger erosion-control projects.

### **Closing**

The next meeting will be held September 13 at 8:30 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jeanne Ennen, Secretary/Treasurer

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Date