

Pomme de Terre River Association
Joint Powers Board Meeting Minutes
Friday, October 11, 2024, 8:30 a.m.
Morris Fire Hall and virtually via Teams

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

Present: Larry Mahoney, Dave Lonergan, Ken Johnson, Jeff Klages, Lee Rogness, Paul Groneberg, Keith Englund, Alan Golden, Jeanne Ennen, Dan Morrill, Rod Westrom. Others present: Sophia Maruska, Watershed Coordinator; Chris Staebler, Stevens SWCD; Tracey Anderson & Payton Prieve, UMN Morris; Jeff Henricksen.

The Agenda was unanimously approved on a motion by Jeanne Ennen and second by Keith Englund.

The minutes from the August 9 meeting were unanimously approved on a motion by Lee Rogness and second by Jeff Klages.

UMN Morris professor Dr Tracey Anderson, talked to the group about a student research project. She spoke about what data and samples they are collecting regarding water chemistry, and macroinvertebrates. She noted they're also planning a zebra mussel count. They began collections earlier this fall and would like to continue to collect data through the dam modification construction. She noted that another monitoring effort prior to the next planned session would lend a lot of valuable information. She answered questions for the group. There were comments from the visiting landowner related to a survey of clams and if and how it will be done and what changes will happen when the Chrissy dam modification is completed.

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

There were no bills to pay.

Rod Wenstrom moved to give Sophia Maruska signing authority on the association's bank account and authorize usage of a debit card on the account with a limit equal to the limit put on in the past.

Second by Jeanne Ennen. Passed unanimously. Lee Rogness asked to amend the motion to approve a credit card rather than a debit card. Amendment unanimously approved. Motion passed unanimously.

PDTRA Business

Grant Updates

- PDTRA-BWSR grant timeline
- FY23 WBIF
 - One contract had some slippage and a small amount of funding was unallocated.
 - Most project payments are pending project completion.
 - Most LGUs have spent the funding for time from this grant.
- FY25 WBIF
 - There is only one encumbered project. LGUs have barely started to spend funding for time worked. Sophia showed some photos and information about this specific

project and the group fielded a question from the visiting landowner regarding the length of the contract.

- FY24 CRP Incentive Pilot Grant is underway and a couple projects have been paid out. We will submit quarterly reimbursement requests for these expenses.
- FY25 CRP Incentive Grant funding has been received. The USDA is currently under continuing resolution so no contracts are being entered into.
- Matt has been talking to Houston Engineering and the DNR to create a scope of work which should be ready within the week. At that time, a kick-off meeting with stakeholders will be held. This will clarify the timeline for completion of the project and project details. Because the projects involve public waters and is funded through the DNR, the DNR is ultimately responsible for and leading the development of parameters for the project.

Jeanne Ennen moved to approve the FY25 CRP Incentive Grant Contracts for Services with each of the six SWCDs. Second by Jeff Klages. Passed unanimously.

Coordinator Update

- She has been working on elink reporting and quarterly tracking for the grants.
- She has updated the financial area of the web site.
- She presented sessions at Water Fest and Conservation Day.

Purchase of Outreach Materials

- Sophia has been working with the TAC to design some promotional materials to be handed out during public events. She showed the JPB a few of the ideas she had, including pens, seed paper bookmarks, bobbers, and stickers. Jeff Klages moved to purchase promotional materials as suggested. Second by Paul Groneberg. Passed unanimously.

TAC Report

Aaron Larsen provided a written TAC report as he and the Vice Chair were unable to attend. The districts are working on site inspections. Jeff asked for LGUs to take pictures to be used for outreach.

Closing

No Agency Reports

The next meeting will be held November 8 at 9:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Ennen, Secretary/Treasurer

Date