



North St. Louis Soil and Water Conservation District

Regular Meeting Minutes

March 16, 2017

Northland Office Building

307 First St S, Suite 118

Virginia MN 55792

Supervisors Present: Chuck Bainter, Peggy Pearson, Mark Peterson & Gary Rantala

Staff Present: Beth Peterson, Forester; Emily Nelson, Water Resources Specialist, Anita Provinzino, District Administrator

Others Present: Marge Sella, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service; Erin Loeffler, MN Board of Water & Soil Resources

The meeting was called to order by Chair Peggy Pearson at 10:40 a.m. A quorum was present.

1. Agenda - Motion by Chuck Bainter/Mark Peterson to approve the agenda.
Affirmative: Bainter, Pearson, Peterson, Rantala.
Opposed: None
Motion Carried
2. Minutes – Motion by Gary Rantala/Mark Peterson to approve both sets of minutes as written.
Affirmative: Bainter, Pearson, Peterson, Rantala.
Opposed: None
Motion Carried
3. Treasurer's Report – Motion by Chuck Bainter/Mark Peterson to approve the Treasurer's Report.
Affirmative: Bainter, Pearson, Peterson, Rantala.
Opposed: None
Motion Carried
4. Accounts Payable & Accounts Receivable – Motion by Chuck Bainter/Gary Rantala to approve the accounts payable and accounts receivable.
Affirmative: Bainter, Pearson, Peterson, Rantala.
Opposed: None
Motion Carried
5. Ratify Email Votes – Motion by Chuck Bainter/Gary Rantala to ratify email vote awarding AIS staffing contract to Always There Staffing.
6. Guest Introductions & Comments – Erin reported on her experience at the Capitol last week and provided a legislative update.

REPORTS:

7. Supervisor & Committee Reports
 - a. Peggy reported that Field Township is donating land for a Northwoods School Forest.
 - b. Mark asked about the District's relationship with Sea Grant and questioned the proposed cuts to their funding source.
8. NRCS District Conservationist Report – See report on file.
9. District Administrator Report – See report on file. Motion by Gary Rantala/Mark Peterson to place Chuck Bainter on the Personnel Committee instead of Curt Kleist.

The mission of the North St. Louis Soil & Water Conservation District is to provide leadership and programs that protect our natural resources by uniting people and organizations to overcome obstacles while protecting and maintaining the diversity of our environment.

Affirmative: Bainter, Pearson, Peterson, Rantala.

Opposed: None

Motion Carried

- 10. Resource Conservationist - See report on file
- 11. Water Resources Specialist Report - See report on file
- 12. Forester Report – See report on file

OLD BUSINESS:

- 13. Regional Forester Funding Request –No action at this time.
- 14. MASWCD Dues – Motion by Mark Peterson/Gary Rantala to table paying dues pending MASCWD response to dues structure.

NEW BUSINESS:

15. General Business

- a. 2017 DNR CPL St. Louis River Conifer Enhancement Grant Contracts – Motion by Gary Rantala/Mark Peterson to award Areas 1, 2, and 5 to Joshua Anderson at \$189 per completed acre as contractor Larry Anderson has withdrawn his bid for those areas and Areas 3, 4, and 6 to Kenneth Napieralski at \$235 per completed acre.

Affirmative: Bainter, Pearson, Peterson, Rantala.

Opposed: None

Motion Carried

- 16. 2017 MPCA Civic Engagement Contract for Cloquet, Rainy Rivers Headwaters and Vermilion River Watersheds – Motion by Chuck Bainter/Mark Peterson to approve Board Resolution 2017-2

Affirmative: Bainter, Pearson, Peterson, Rantala.

Opposed: None

Motion Carried

17. General Business

- a. Emily Nelson – Motion by Chuck Bainter/Gary Rantala removing Emily's probationary status and adding her to regular full-time at will employee status.

Affirmative: Bainter, Pearson, Peterson, Rantala.

Opposed: None

Motion Carried

- b. AIS Inspector Supplies – Motion by Chuck Bainter/Mark Peterson to authorize purchasing up to \$5000 in AIS inspector supplies.

Affirmative: Bainter, Pearson, Peterson, Rantala.

Opposed: None

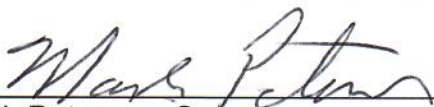
Motion Carried

- c. Other – There was no other business

18. Upcoming Meetings and Trainings - none

19. Next Meeting Date – The next meeting date was set for Wednesday, April 12th at 10:30 a.m.

20. The meeting was adjourned via a motion from Chuck Bainter/Mark Peterson at 12:34 p.m.



Mark Peterson, Secretary

April 12, 2017

Date