



**North St. Louis Soil and Water  
Conservation District**

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**Minutes of North St. Louis SWCD Board of Supervisors meeting Monday, January 12, 2015**

Margaret (Peggy) Pearson took the Oath of Office at 12:43 PM.

**Supervisors present:** Margaret Pearson, Chair  
Gary Rantala, Vice-Chair  
Mark Peterson, Treasurer  
Chuck Bainter, Secretary

**Supervisors absent:** None

**Others present:** Pam Tomevi, Contracted Administrator  
Marjorie Sella, NRCS District Conservationist  
Ryan Hughes, BWSR Board Conservationist

Chair Pearson called the meeting to order at 12:48 PM

**Motion** – Election of officers via white ballot as follows: Margaret Pearson, Chair; Gary Rantala, Vice-Chair; Mark Peterson, Treasurer; Chuck Bainter, Secretary. Gary/Mark/unanimous

**Motion** – Approve agenda as presented. Gary/Chuck/Unanimous

**Motion** – Approve meeting minutes from December 15, 2014 meeting. Chuck/Mark/Unanimous

**Motion** – Approve Treasurer’s Report ending December 31, 2014 as presented. Gary/Chuck/Unanimous

**Motion** – Approve Accounts Receivable \$38,003 and Accounts Payable \$12,109.88 as presented. Chuck/Mark/Unanimous

**Motion** – Appoint committees for 2015 as follows: Personnel –Gary/Mark; Water Advisory –Chuck; Area 3 – Gary; Legislative – Mark/Chuck; USDA Environmental Quality – Mark/Chuck; Laurentian Resource Conservation and Development – Peggy; MASWCD Forestry – Mark/Chuck; Education – Gary/Chuck. Chuck/Gary/Unanimous

**REPORTS:**

**Supervisors Reports:**

Mark reported that the MN SWCD Forestry Association meeting is Thursday where an item of major importance for loggers will be discussed (Long Eared Bat may be put on endangered species list).

**Motion** – Pay dues of \$60.00 for MN SWCD Forestry Association. Mark/Gary/Unanimous

**NRCS Report:**

Marjorie provided a written report including update on EQIP contracts, training, and education for staff.

**Contract Administrator Report:**

Pam provided a written report including fiscal management, office administration, BWSR year-end reporting, Tree Program, and other correspondence.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Motion** – Approve the Personnel Committee recommendation to hire Anita Provinzino as the half-time ( 20 hours per week) District Administrator with a six month probationary period, extendable up to one year, starting 2/2/15 (employment details on file). Mark/Gary/Unanimous

Discussion – Completed cost-share project with the Town of White; project review to follow at the February meeting.

Discussion on District Tree Program – Pam presented the revised tree order form and reported that trees have been ordered from nurseries and sales price will now include tax. Board agreed to have sale on May 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> 2015.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Discussion – PERA Exclusion Report was reviewed and supervisors verified their information.

Discussion – Gary plans to attend the Area 3 meeting on January 16<sup>th</sup> at the Carlton County Transportation building.

Discussion – Chuck will plan to attend the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of Legislative Days on January 27<sup>th</sup> in St. Paul and will call Deb Taylor for arrangements.

**Motion** – Request hardship status for MASWCD annual membership dues. Gary/Mark/Unanimous

Next meeting: Monday, February 9, 2015 10:30 AM Northland Building.

**Motion** – Meeting adjourned at 2:45 PM. Mark/Chuck/Unanimous

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North St. Louis SWCD Board Chair

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