



North St. Louis Soil and Water Conservation District

Regular Meeting Minutes
February 8, 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: Phil Norvitch, Resource Conservationist; Emily Nelson, Water Resources Specialist, Anita Provinzino, District Administrator

Others Present: Marge Sella, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service

Supervisor Chuck Bainter was sworn in to office. The meeting was called to order by Chair Peggy Pearson at 10:34 a.m. A quorum was present.

1. Agenda - Motion by Gary Rantala/Mark Peterson to add WCA Training to the agenda.
Affirmative: Bainter, Pearson, Peterson, Rantala.
Opposed: None
Motion Carried
2. Minutes – Motion by Mark Peterson/Chuck Bainter to approve the 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 Gary Rantala/Chuck Bainter to approve the accounts payable and accounts receivable.
Affirmative: Bainter, Pearson, Peterson, Rantala.
Opposed: None
Motion Carried
5. Ratify Email Votes – Motion by Mark Peterson/Gary Rantala to ratify email votes for
 - a. Additional Office Space/No Storage Locker
 - b. Tree Order – 2017 DNR CPL St. Louis River Conifer GrantAffirmative: Bainter, Pearson, Peterson, Rantala.
Opposed: None
Motion Carried
6. Guest Introductions & Comments – None

REPORTS:

7. Supervisor & Committee Reports
 - a. Chuck attended the Laurentian Resource Conservation & Development Council meeting. Report is attached.
 - b. Gary attend the TSA meeting in January. Discussion was held on job approval authority and funding.
8. NRCS District Conservationist Report – See report on file

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.


9. District Administrator Report – See report on file
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 – Anita reported on the Forestry meeting discussion regarding this request of SWCD's. This request may be able to be funded with in-kind hours. We are seeking clarification from BWSR. No action at this time.
14. MASWCD Dues – Anita indicated that MASWCD would like a letter (instead of the email) to the MASWCD Board regarding our request for an explanation of the dues structure. The Board directed Anita to write a letter restating the request.

NEW BUSINESS:

15. General Business
 - a. BWSR 2017 Capacity Grant and Board Resolution 2017-1 – Motion by Chuck Bainter/Mark Peterson to approve Board Resolution 2017-1.
Affirmative: Bainter, Pearson, Peterson, Rantala.
Opposed: None
Motion Carried
 - b. Poster Contest – Emily reported on the 2017 poster contest with the theme “Healthy Soils are Full of Life”
 - c. Vehicle Discussion – 2006 Ford Ranger – Motion by Mark Peterson/Chuck Bainter to look for a used 4x4 extended cab pickup with up to \$10,000 in payments in 2017.
Affirmative: Bainter, Pearson, Peterson, Rantala.
Opposed: None
Motion Carried
 - d. Other - None
16. Upcoming Meetings and Trainings
 - a. March 8 + 9 Rainy Lake of the Woods Watershed Forum – Phil and Emily will attend
 - b. March 8 DNR Forestry Training in Cloquet – Beth will attend
 - c. MASWCD Day at the Capital – March 20 and 21 – Motion by Mark Peterson/Gary Rantala to permit Chuck Bainter to attend. District will pay hotel, meals, and mileage.
Affirmative: Bainter, Pearson, Peterson, Rantala.
Opposed: None
Motion Carried
 - d. Schedule Personnel Committee Meeting for Anita's Performance Review - Anita will email Curt and coordinate with Gary to schedule a meeting.
 - e. Wetland Delineator Certification Program – Motion by Gary Rantala/Mark Peterson to allow Phil to attend this program (in June) at cost of \$900 plus hotel, meals and mileage.
17. Next Meeting Date – The next meeting date was set for Thursday, March 16th at 10:30 a.m. A planning retreat was scheduled immediately following the meeting. Lunch will be served.
18. The meeting was adjourned via a motion from Chuck Bainter at 12:08 p.m.



 Mark Peterson, Secretary



 Date