



## North St. Louis Soil and Water Conservation District

Regular Meeting Minutes  
**July 13, 2015**  
Northland Office Building  
307 First St S, Suite 118  
Virginia MN 55792

**Supervisors Present:** Peggy Pearson, Chuck Bainter, Mark Peterson, Gary Rantala and Curt Kleist

**Others Present:** Anita Provinzino, District Administrator; Jared Ecklund, Resource Conservationist; and Marge Sella, NRCS.

**Guests:** none

The regular meeting was called to order by Chair, Peggy Pearson at 10:32 a.m.

1. Agenda - **Motion** to approve agenda by Chuck Bainter, seconded by Mark Peterson to approve agenda. Affirmative: Bainter, Kleist, Pearson, Peterson, Rantala. Motion Carried Unanimously.
2. Oath – Curt Kleist took the Oath of Office.
3. Minutes - **Motion** to approve the minutes dated June 8, 2015 by Mark Peterson, seconded by Chuck Bainter. Affirmative: Bainter, Kleist, Pearson, Peterson, Rantala. Motion Carried Unanimously.
4. Treasurer's Report – **Motion** by Peggy Pearson, supported by Gary Rantala to approve the Treasurer's Reports ending April 30 and June 30, 2015. Affirmative: Bainter, Kleist, Pearson, Peterson, Rantala. Motion Carried Unanimously.
5. Accounts Payable & Accounts Receivable – **Motion** by Chuck Bainter, seconded by Mark Peterson, to approve the accounts payable and accounts receivable. Affirmative: Bainter, Kleist, Pearson, Peterson, Rantala. Motion Carried Unanimously.
6. Guests: None present.

### REPORTS:

7. Supervisor & Committee Reports
  - a. Gary Rantala attended the TSA III meeting in Duluth.
  - b. Mark Peterson distributed flyers on the Horticulture Day Open House to be held on August 28. He indicated there will be a Master Naturalist Program in Duluth.
  - c. Chuck Bainter indicated he has spoken with LeAnn Buck of MASWCD. She will be coming to a Board meeting, likely in August or September.
8. NRCS District Conservationist Report – A copy of the written report is on file.
9. District Administrator Report – See report on file. Anita indicated that Koochiching County will be providing services through the end of July as funds were not expended. The Board can expect a bill at the August meeting. In addition, she has

worked additional hours in an effort to keep up with the job requirements. She will continue to do this as demand requires. Anita proposed the District look at alternative ways to handle the bookkeeping functions. She will explore and provide recommendations to the Board.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

10. MASWCD – Motion by Chuck Bainter, supported by Mark Peterson to nominate Louie Parenteau of Mt. Iron for the MASWCD Teacher Award. Discussion was held about potential nominees for the other award categories. August is the final meeting to make nominations.
11. The North St Louis county Fair will be held August 12-16. A booth will be reserved and Anita will send a schedule of timeslots to be filled.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

12. Comprehensive Water Management Plan Resolution 2015-4 – Motion by Chuck Bainter, supported by Gary Rantala, to approve Board Resolution 2015-4 adopting the St. Louis County Comprehensive Water Management Plan, Amended June 24, 2015, as the District's Water Management Plan. Affirmative: Bainter, Kleist, Pearson, Peterson, Rantala. Motion Carried Unanimously.
13. Upcoming Meetings and Training
  - a. SWCD Governance 101 Conference Sept 16-17 in St. Cloud.
  - b. Resource Conservation & Development Meeting in August
  - c. Local Work Group Meeting - August 10.
14. General Business –
  - a. Recovery Plan Update – Anita will prepare update for September retreat
  - b. Bill to St Louis County – Gary Rantala with support of Chuck Bainter moved to provide Anita with the approval to sign and submit the bill on behalf of the Board.
  - c. Strategic Planning – A Board Planning Retreat was set for the afternoon of September 14. The meeting will occur immediately after the Board meeting. Lunch will be provided.
  - d. Other
15. The next meeting date was confirmed for Monday, August 10, 2015.
16. Motion to adjourn by Gary Rantala, supported by Mark Peterson. Affirmative: Bainter, Kleist, Pearson, Peterson, Rantala. Motion Carried Unanimously

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Chuck Bainter  
Board Secretary

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Date