



North St. Louis Soil and Water Conservation District

Regular Meeting Minutes
August 10, 2015
Northland Office Building
307 First St S, Suite 118
Virginia MN 55792

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

Supervisor Absent: Curt Kleist

Others Present: Anita Provinzino, District Administrator; Ryan Hughes, BWSR; and Marge Sella, NRCS.

Guests: none

The regular meeting was called to order by Chair, Peggy Pearson at 10:45 a.m.

1. Agenda - **Motion** by Gary Rantala supported by Chuck Bainter to approve agenda.

Affirmative: Bainter, Pearson, Peterson, Rantala.

Opposed: None

Motion Carried

2. Minutes - **Motion** to approve the minutes dated July 13, 2015 by Chuck Bainter supported by Mark Peterson.

Affirmative: Bainter, Pearson, Peterson, Rantala.

Opposed: None

Motion Carried

3. Treasurer's Report – **Motion** by Gary Rantala, supported by Mark Peterson to approve the Amended Treasurer's Report for June 30, 2015.

Affirmative: Bainter, Pearson, Peterson, Rantala.

Opposed: None

Motion Carried

4. Treasurer's Report - **Motion** by Gary Rantala, supported by Mark Peterson to approve the Treasurer's Report for July 31, 2015.

Affirmative: Bainter, Pearson, Peterson, Rantala.

Opposed: None

Motion Carried

5. Accounts Payable & Accounts Receivable – **Motion** by Chuck Bainter, seconded by Mark Peterson, to approve the accounts payable and accounts receivable.

Affirmative: Bainter, Pearson, Peterson, Rantala.

Opposed: None

Motion Carried

6. Guest Introductions: None present.

REPORTS:

7. Supervisor & Committee Reports
 - a. Chuck Bainter went to the Area III Resource Conservation & Development meeting. He distributed a written summary.
 - b. Mark Peterson attended MN Forestry Association meeting in Aitkin. He distributed a report titled "Forests, Water and People: Drinking Water Supply & Forest Lands in Minnesota" by the U.S. Forest Service.
 - c. Mark Peterson indicated he spoke to representatives from Aitkin and Hubbard County regarding their AIS practices.
8. NRCS District Conservationist Report – A copy of the written report is on file.
9. District Administrator Report – Supervisors were given a letter and report from Koochiching County SWCD wrapping up the contract for Interim Administration. Discussion was held. See reports on file.
10. Resource Conservationist Report – See report on file.

OLD BUSINESS:

11. MASWCD – Chuck Bainter indicated he received confirmation from MASWCD that they received the District's teacher nomination.
12. The North St Louis County Fair is August 12-16. The District is staffing a booth in conjunction with the Natural Resource Conservation Service. The booth will be part of the Department of Natural Resources booth. A few time slots remain open.

NEW BUSINESS:

13. Upcoming Meetings and Training
 - a. Strategic Planning Retreat – September 14th in Conference Room located in SLC Planning office immediately after Board meeting. Priorities for future funding will be discussed. No business will be conducted. Lunch will be delivered. Public is welcome.
 - b. SWCD Governance 101 Conference Sept 16-17 in St. Cloud – **Motion** by Gary Rantala supported by Mark Peterson to approve all Board members attendance at this conference, if they desire to attend.
Affirmative: Bainter, Pearson, Peterson, Rantala.
Opposed: None
Motion Carried
 - c. Aquatic Invasive Species Research & Management Showcase 9/16 in St. Paul – **Motion** by Chuck Bainter supported by Mark Peterson to allow Jared Ecklund's attendance and expenses at this conference, if scheduling permits.
Affirmative: Bainter, Pearson, Peterson, Rantala.
Opposed: None
Motion Carried

14. General Business –

- a. BWSR FY16 Grant Acceptance – **Motion** by Chuck Bainter supported by Gary Rantala to accept \$18,789 in BWSR Conservation Delivery grant and \$8550 in BWSR Cost-Share grant and to approve the District Administrator to be the Authorized Representative for the grants.
Affirmative: Bainter, Pearson, Peterson, Rantala.
Opposed: None
Motion Carried
- b. FY16 Clean Water Fund Grant Application – **Motion** by Mark Peterson supported by Chuck Bainter to authorize the District Administrator to submit a BWSR community partners grant to establish a pool of funding for reducing stormwater runoff and improving water quality targeting Lake Vermilion organizations, community groups and municipalities.
Affirmative: Bainter, Pearson, Peterson, Rantala.
Opposed: None
Motion Carried
- c. Other –
 - i. Ryan Hughes indicated the buffer regulations and funding are on hold until the DNR determines which water bodies are included.
 - ii. Based on public comments received at the tree sale, staff were directed to see if the nurseries could bundle trees in bunches of 5 or 10 – especially for hardwoods – instead of 25.

15. The next meeting date was confirmed for Monday, September 14, 2015 at 10:30 a.m. with a Planning Retreat immediately following.

16. **Motion** to adjourn by Chuck Bainter, supported by Mark Peterson at 12:15 p.m.

Chuck Bainter
Board Secretary

Date