



## North St. Louis Soil and Water Conservation District

Special Meeting Minutes  
**September 13, 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:** Anita Provinzino, District Administrator  
**Others Present:** Marge Sella, USDA NRCS

The meeting was called to order by Chair Peggy Pearson at 1:30 p.m. A quorum was present.

1. Agenda - Motion by Chuck Bainter/Mark Peterson to approve agenda.  
Affirmative: Bainter, Pearson, Peterson, Rantala  
Opposed: None  
Motion Carried
2. Minutes – Motion by Gary Rantala/Mark Peterson to approve the minutes as written.  
Affirmative: Bainter, Pearson, Peterson, Rantala  
Opposed: None  
Motion Carried
3. Treasurer’s Report – Motion by Chuck Bainter/Gary Rantala to approve the Treasurer’s Report as of 8/31/17.  
Affirmative: Bainter, Pearson, Peterson, Rantala  
Opposed: None  
Motion Carried
4. Accounts Payable & Accounts Receivable – Motion by Chuck Bainter/Gary Rantala to approve accounts payable and accounts receivable.  
Affirmative: Bainter, Pearson, Peterson, Rantala  
Opposed: None  
Motion Carried
5. Guest Introductions & Comments – none present

### REPORTS:

6. Supervisor & Committee Reports
  - a. Mark attended Visitor Day at North Central Research & Outreach Center in Grand Rapids on August 24. He toured their “cover crops in corn” project. He plans to attend the Area 3 Forestry meeting on 9/28/17. He is enrolled in the Master Woodland Course that started in August. The MN Forestry Association will hold their Fall Field Day on October 13 & 14.
  - b. Chuck attended St. Louis County Comprehensive Land Use Planning meeting in Virginia on 8/21. Chuck was thanked for securing a citizen water monitoring booth from MPCA for use at the St. Louis County Fair. It was well received.
  - c. Gary attended the St. Louis County Comprehensive Land Use Planning meeting on 8/22 in Ely. He will attend the TSA meeting on 9/27/17.
  - d. Peggy indicated she will attend the RC & D meeting on 9/25/17 in Duluth.
7. NRCS District Conservationist Report – See report on file.
8. District Administrator Report – See report on file, plus reported on:

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.



- a. 25 by 25 Governor's Town Hall Meeting on Sep 12 in Ely from 6:30- 8:30 p.m.
- b. BWSR Listening Session with John Jaschke on Sep 13 in Mt. Iron from 9 to noon
- c. Recent meeting with 3 members of the Pelican Lake Association regarding AIS Watercraft Inspection on Pelican Lake in 2018.
- 9. Resource Conservationist - See report on file.
- 10. Water Resources Specialist Report - See report on file.
- 11. Forester Report – See report on file.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- 12. Board Supervisor from Hibbing/Chisholm/Balkan – No new applicants
- 13. Forester - Shared Services Agreement Hourly Rate Increase – No new info

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 14. Amendment to Cost Share Contract with Landowner FY2017-3 - Motion by Chuck Bainter/Mark Peterson to approve contract amendment 1 with Matt Urness for \$2543.25 of additional cost share funding from 2017 Capacity Funds not to exceed 25% of the total project cost estimate of \$13,303.00 for streambank stabilization on Ash River.  
Affirmative: Bainter, Pearson, Peterson, Rantala  
Opposed: None  
Motion Carried
- 15. BWSR 2016 Capacity Workplan/Budget Revision for truck loan pay off – Motion by Chuck Bainter/Gary Rantala to approve workplan revision and direct District Administrator to pay off loan upon BWSR workplan approval.  
Affirmative: Bainter, Pearson, Peterson, Rantala  
Opposed: None  
Motion Carried
- 16. BWSR 2018 Capacity Workplan – Motion by Chuck Bainter/Mark Peterson to approve 2018 Capacity funding workplan.  
Affirmative: Bainter, Pearson, Peterson, Rantala  
Opposed: None  
Motion Carried
- 17. BWSR 2018 Buffer Workplan – Motion by Chuck Bainter/Gary Rantala to approve 2018 Buffer Workplan.  
Affirmative: Bainter, Pearson, Peterson, Rantala  
Opposed: None  
Motion Carried
- 18. BWSR FY18 Cost Share & Capacity Cost Share - Nonstructural Land Management Practices Implementation Plan – Motion by Chuck Bainter/Mark Peterson to approve submission of nonstructural land management practices implementation plan to BWSR.  
Affirmative: Bainter, Pearson, Peterson, Rantala  
Opposed: None  
Motion Carried
- 19. BWSR FY18 & FY19 Grants & Board Resolution 2017-8 – Motion to approve Board Resolution 2017-8.  
Affirmative: Bainter, Pearson, Peterson, Rantala  
Opposed: None  
Motion Carried

20. Request to NRCS for Forestry Job Approval Authority for Beth Peterson – Motion by Gary Rantala/Chuck Bainter to request of NRCS forestry job approval authority for Beth Peterson.

Affirmative: Bainter, Pearson, Peterson, Rantala

Opposed: None

Motion Carried

21. Upcoming Meetings and Trainings

a. Fall Forestry Field Day – Britt – September 16

b. Area 3 Annual Meeting – Isle – September 20 & 21- Chuck, Mark, Anita

c. MN Forestry Association Fall Field Day – Palisade - October 14

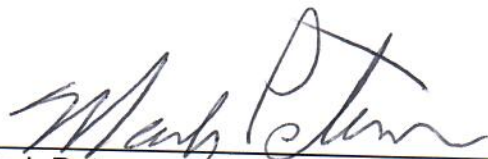
d. BWSR Academy – Brainerd - November 1-3

e. Other Meetings

i. Fall Forage Day on 9/29/17

22. Confirm Next Meeting Date – Wednesday, October 11 at 10:30 a.m.

23. Adjourn – Motion to adjourn at 2:45 p.m. by Chuck Bainter.



Mark Peterson, Secretary

October 11, 2017

Date