



North St. Louis Soil and Water Conservation District

Regular Meeting Minutes
October 10, 2016
Northland Office Building
307 First St S, Suite 118
Virginia MN 55792

Supervisors Present: Chuck Bainter, Peggy Pearson & Gary Rantala

Staff Present: Phil Norvitch, Resource Conservationist; Beth Peterson, Forester; Anita Provinzino, District Administrator

Others Present: Erin Loeffler, MN Board of Water & Soil Resources

The meeting was called to order by Chair Peggy Pearson at 10:33 a.m. A quorum was present.

1. Agenda - Motion by Gary Rantala/Chuck Bainter to approve agenda removing item 14.
Affirmative: Bainter, Pearson, Rantala.
Opposed: None
Motion Carried
2. Minutes – Motion by Chuck Bainter/Gary Rantala to approve minutes as written.
Affirmative: Bainter, Pearson, Rantala.
Opposed: None
Motion Carried
3. Treasurer's Report – Motion by Chuck Bainter/Gary Rantala to approve the Treasurer's Report.
Affirmative: Bainter, Pearson, 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, Rantala.
Opposed: None
Motion Carried
5. Ratify Email Votes – Motion by Chuck Bainter/Gary Rantala to ratify the following email votes:
 - a. Hire Emily Nelson as Water Resources Specialist
 - b. Emily Nelson's attendance at Upper Midwest Invasive Species ConferenceAffirmative: Bainter, Pearson, Rantala.
Opposed: None
Motion Carried
6. Guest Introductions & Comments - Erin Loeffler of the Minnesota Board of Water & Soil Resources spoke with the Board about the District's buffer obligations due by 1/1/17; BWSR Academy, Cost Share, and e-Link.

REPORTS:

7. Supervisor & Committee Reports
 - a. Gary attended the TSA III meeting in Duluth in late September.
 - b. Chuck attended the Area III Annual Meeting in Two Harbors. Written report on file.
 - c. Peggy attended the R, C & D meeting in Duluth. They are planning a streamline restoration workshop in the fall of 2017. She spoke of the Phase 2 Wild Rice Report, Landscape Committee and the proposed Recap facility.
8. NRCS District Conservationist Report – See report on file
9. District Administrator Report – See report on file. In addition, discussion was held about the role the District would like to play in Aquatic Invasive Species. Do we wish to apply for one grant to operate both the Vermilion and Burntside Lake programs and perhaps others in the future? Consensus was this was a good fit for our agency.
10. Resource Conservationist - See report on file
11. Water Resources Specialist Report - See report on file
12. Forester Report – See Report on File

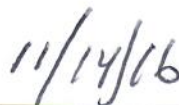
OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

13. BWSR Buffer Implementation Funding Acceptance & Board Resolution 2016-2 – Motion by Gary Rantala/Chuck Bainter to approve.
Affirmative: Bainter, Pearson, Rantala.
Opposed: None
Motion Carried
14. Item removed from agenda
15. DNR CPL St Louis River Conifer Enhancement Grant Acceptance & Board Resolution 2016-3 – Motion by Chuck Bainter/Gary Rantala to approve.
Affirmative: Bainter, Pearson, Rantala.
Opposed: None
Motion Carried
16. Tree Stock Purchase – Discussion was held about the tree order for 2017. Motion by Chuck Bainter/Gary Rantala to order:
 - a. \$2949 includes shipping on conifers from the DNR Badoura Nursery
 - b. \$1125 plus shipping on 10 cu. In. soil plug stock from Itasca Greenhouse
 - c. \$2500 plus shipping on hardwoods from Schumacher's
17. General Business - None
18. Upcoming Meetings and Trainings - None
19. Confirm Next Meeting Date: Monday, November 14, 2016
20. Adjourn - Meeting was adjourned by a motion from Gary Rantala/Chuck Bainter at 12:15 p.m.



Chuck Bainter, Board Secretary



Date