



North St. Louis Soil and Water Conservation District

Regular Meeting Minutes
November 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: Anita Provinzino, District Administrator; Emily Nelson, Water Resources Specialist; Phil Norvitch, Resource Conservationist
Others Present: Shannon Rasinski, USDA NRCS

The meeting was called to order by Chair Peggy Pearson at 10:30 a.m. A quorum was present.

1. Agenda - Motion by Mark Peterson/Gary Rantala to approve agenda.
Affirmative: Bainter, Pearson, Peterson, Rantala
Opposed: None
Motion Carried
2. Minutes – Motion by Chuck Bainter/Mark Peterson to approve the minutes as written.
Affirmative: Bainter, Pearson, Peterson, Rantala
Opposed: None
Motion Carried
3. Treasurer's Report – Motion by Gary Rantala/Chuck Bainter to approve the Treasurer's Report as of 10/31/17.
Affirmative: Bainter, Pearson, Peterson, Rantala
Opposed: None
Motion Carried
4. Accounts Payable & Accounts Receivable – Motion by Mark Peterson/Chuck Bainter to approve accounts payable and accounts receivable recognizing check names for Retreat Lodge project may change, dollar amount is expected to remain the same. Staff are responsible to verify receipts of land occupier payments to determine final payment.
Affirmative: Bainter, Pearson, Peterson, Rantala
Opposed: None
Motion Carried
5. Guest Introductions & Comments – none present

REPORTS:

6. Supervisor & Committee Reports - none
7. NRCS District Conservationist Report – Shannon Rasinski filled in for Marge Sella. See report on file.
8. District Administrator Report – See report on file, plus reported on:
 - a. Lake SWCD White Cedar Identification – Anita indicated that the District will not be reimbursed for the work that Phil did on the White Cedar Identification project. This is because Anita thought the work period ended on 6/30/2017. However, the invoice needed to be submitted by that date. Lake SWCD did not send reminders as it had to other Districts as it had forgotten the District was participating.

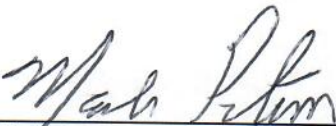
- b. BWSR Academy – Anita reported the BWSR Academy provided informational training and good networking opportunities.
- 9. Resource Conservationist - See report on file.
- 10. Water Resources Specialist Report - See report on file.
- 11. Forester Report – See report on file.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 12. Board Supervisor from Hibbing/Chisholm/Balkan – No new applicants although a press release has been published recently.
- 13. Forester - Shared Services Agreement Hourly Rate Increase – No new info

NEW BUSINESS:

- 14. 2016 BWSR Community Partners Work Plan Revision – Motion by Chuck Bainter/Gary Rantala to approve the work plan revision to more accurately reflect anticipated spending by category.
 - Affirmative: Bainter, Pearson, Peterson, Rantala
 - Opposed: None
 - Motion Carried
- 15. Community Partners Cost Share Contract with Landowner on Burntside Lake. Discussion was held on pre-application. No action was taken due to staff awaiting signed application.
- 16. 2018 Grant Application to St. Louis County for Aquatic Invasive Species – Motion by Chuck Bainter/Mark Peterson to authorize the District Administrator to submit a grant application for the 2018 AIS program.
 - Affirmative: Bainter, Pearson, Peterson, Rantala
 - Opposed: None
 - Motion Carried
- 17. Upcoming Meetings and Trainings
 - a. Forestry Meeting – November 16 in McGregor - Mark
 - b. Other Meetings – Laurentian Regional Conservation & Development – November 27 in Duluth - Chuck
- 18. Confirm Next Meeting Date – Wednesday, December 13, at 10:30 a.m.
- 19. Adjourn – Motion to adjourn at 11:35 a.m. by Chuck Bainter who thanked staff for their work for the District.



Mark Peterson, Secretary

December 13, 2017
Date