



North St. Louis Soil and Water Conservation District

Special Meeting Minutes

February 20, 2018

At Mt Iron Community Center Iroquois Room
8586 Enterprise Drive S, Mt Iron MN 55768

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

Staff Present: Anita Provinzino, District Administrator; Phil Norvitch, Resource Conservationist; Beth Peterson, Forester; Emily Nelson, Water Resources Specialist

Others Present: Marge Sella, USDA NRCS; Erin Loeffler, MN BWSR

The meeting was called to order by Chair Peggy Pearson at 10:32 a.m. A quorum was present.

1. Agenda – Motion by Mark Peterson/Frank Modich to approve the agenda.
Affirmative: Modich, Pearson, Peterson, Rantala
Opposed: None
Motion Carried
2. Minutes – Motion by Gary Rantala/Frank Modich to approve the minutes as written.
Affirmative: Modich, Pearson, Peterson, Rantala
Opposed: None
Motion Carried
3. Treasurer's Report – Motion by Mark Peterson/Gary Rantala to approve the January 2018 Treasurer's report.
Affirmative: Modich, Pearson, Peterson, Rantala
Opposed: None
Motion Carried

Chuck Bainter arrived at the meeting.

4. Accounts Payable & Accounts Receivable – Motion by Frank Modich/Gary Rantala to approve accounts payable and accounts receivable.
Affirmative: Bainter, Modich, Pearson, Peterson, Rantala
Opposed: None
Motion Carried
5. Guest Introductions & Comments – None.

REPORTS:

6. Supervisor & Committee Reports
 - a. Chuck provided notes and discussion from January's Area III Forestry meeting in McGregor.
 - b. Gary reported on the Area III TSA meeting he attended in Duluth in January.
 - c. Peggy reported the Laurentian Resource Conservation & Development held their annual meeting in January. They are planning the biennial stream restoration conference for fall. The Stewart River project in Lake County will be featured. The website is www.riverrestoration2018.com. The Recap project is now ending; it is not moving to California as previously thought.
7. NRCS District Conservationist Report – See report on file. Marge Sella indicated an RFP will be released for NRCS contracts with SWCD's.
8. District Administrator Report – See report on file.

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.

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. Committee Appointments – Chair Pearson made the following committee assignments.
Education: Frank Modich, Gary Rantala
Laurentian Resource Conservation & Development Board: Peggy Pearson, Frank Modich
Legislative: Chuck Bainter, Mark Peterson
MASWCD Forestry: Mark Peterson, Chuck Bainter
Personnel: Chuck Bainter, Gary Rantala
Technical Service Area 3 Board: Gary Rantala, Frank Modich
USDA Environmental Quality Incentives Program – Local Work Group: Peggy Pearson, Chuck Bainter
Water Advisory: Gary Rantala, Chuck Bainter
13. Envirothon Donation – Motion by Gary Rantala/Frank Modich to approve \$250 donation for Envirothon expenses. Mark would like an itemized list of donations by district for the past few years.
Affirmative: Bainter, Modich, Pearson, Peterson, Rantala
Opposed: None
Motion Carried
14. MASWCD – Motion by Chuck Bainter/Gary Rantala to pay 2018 membership dues.
Affirmative: Bainter, Modich, Rantala
Opposed: Pearson, Peterson
Motion Carried

NEW BUSINESS:

15. 2017 BWSR Conservation Delivery Grant Closeout – Final Financial Report – Motion to accept by Gary Rantala/Chuck Bainter.
Affirmative: Bainter, Modich, Pearson, Peterson, Rantala
Opposed: None
Motion Carried
16. 2018 Contracts with St. Louis County & Board Resolution 2018-1 – Motion by Frank Modich/Gary Rantala to approve Board Resolution 2018-1
Affirmative: Bainter, Modich, Pearson, Peterson, Rantala
Opposed: None
Motion Carried
17. 2018 AIS Grant Purchases, Upon Above Contract Execution
 - a. Staffing Service Contract Renewal - Always There Staffing – Motion by Mark Peterson/Frank Modich to approve contract and authorize District Administrator to sign contract for watercraft inspection staffing.
Affirmative: Bainter, Modich, Pearson, Peterson, Rantala
Opposed: None
Motion Carried
 - b. Decontamination Unit Purchase – Motion by Gary Rantala/Chuck Bainter to purchase a Landa Model ECOS 7000 watercraft decontamination unit for \$18,194 with 2018 SLC AIS funding.
Affirmative: Bainter, Modich, Pearson, Peterson, Rantala

Opposed: None

Motion Carried

- c. Program Supplies Purchase Authorization – Motion by chuck Bainter/Mark Peterson to approve up to \$8,000 of AIS supplies with 2018 SLC AIS funding.

Affirmative: Bainter, Modich, Pearson, Peterson, Rantala

Opposed: None

Motion Carried

18. 2018 BWSR Billable Rate – Motion by Frank Modich/Mark Peterson to approve the BWSR billable rate as presented and replacing all previous 2018 rates, retroactive to January 1, 2018.

Affirmative: Bainter, Modich, Pearson, Peterson, Rantala

Opposed: None

Motion Carried

19. Upcoming Meetings and Trainings

a. Presentation to SLC Commissioners will be rescheduled.

b. Aquatic Invaders Summit III – Feb 28 & Mar 1 – Emily

c. Lake of Woods Watershed Forum – Mar 7 & 8 – Phil & Emily

d. Community Based Social Media – May 21-24 - Emily

e. March 5 – All Lands Approach to Working with Family Woodland Owners – Aurora, Mark, Gary and Beth will attend.

f. Forestry Meeting – March 15 – McGregor – Mark will attend.

20. Proposed Strategic Planning Session with Board, Staff & Others – The date of February 14th following the Board meeting was proposed, pending availability.

21. Confirm Next Meeting Date – Wednesday, March 14, at 10:30 a.m.

22. Adjourn – Meeting was adjourned by Chuck Bainter/Gary Rantala at 12:03 p.m.



Mark Peterson, Secretary

March 14, 2018

Date

Resolution 2018-1



**North St. Louis
Soil and Water Conservation District**

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WHEREAS, the North St. Louis Soil & Water Conservation District has been awarded the following funding for 2018 from St. Louis County:

\$391,350	Aquatic Invasive Species
\$60,000	General Services
\$9,003	Wetland Conservation Act
<u>\$9,000</u>	Natural Resources Block Grant
\$469,353	TOTAL

AND WHEREAS, the North St Louis Soil & Water Conservation District Board desires to accept this funding to provide services related to its mission.

NOW THERE BE IT RESOLVED, the North St. Louis Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors accepts said funding and hereby authorizes the District Administrator or Board Chair to sign all documents related to said funding.

Motion Made by: *Modich*
Seconded by: *Rantala*

Affirmative: *Bainter, Modich, Pearson, Peterson, Rantala*
Opposed: *none*

Certification of Recording Officer

I, the undersigned, hereby certify, that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the resolution adopted by the North St Louis SWCD Board on the 20th day of February, 2018 and that I am duly authorized to execute this certificate.

Handwritten signature of Mark Peterson in blue ink.

Mark Peterson, Board Secretary

Handwritten date "2/20/18" in blue ink.

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