



## North St. Louis Soil and Water Conservation District

### Regular Meeting Minutes

**April 11, 2018**

Northland Office Building, Suite 118  
307 First St S. Virginia MN 55792

**Supervisors Present:** Chuck Bainter, Frank Modich, Peggy Pearson, Mark Peterson & Gary Rantala  
**Staff Present:** Anita Provinzino, District Administrator; Beth Kleinke, Forester; Phil Norvitch, Resource Conservationist; and Emily Nelson, Water Resources Specialist.  
**Others Present:** Marge Sella, USDA NRCS

The meeting was called to order by Chair Peggy Pearson at 10:31 a.m. A quorum was present.

1. Agenda – Motion by Mark Peterson/Chuck Bainter to approve the agenda.  
Affirmative: Bainter, Modich, Pearson, Peterson, Rantala  
Opposed: None  
Motion Carried
2. Minutes – Motion by Gary Rantala/Mark Peterson to approve the minutes as written.  
Affirmative: Bainter, Modich, Pearson, Peterson, Rantala  
Opposed: None  
Motion Carried
3. Treasurer's Report – Motion by Gary Rantala/Chuck Bainter to approve the March 2018 Treasurer's Report.  
Affirmative: Bainter, Modich, 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 as updated April 10, 2018.  
Affirmative: Bainter, Modich, Pearson, Peterson, Rantala  
Opposed: None  
Motion Carried
5. Guest Introductions & Comments – None.

### REPORTS:

6. Supervisor & Committee Reports
  - a. Mark reported on the March 15th Area 3 Forestry Meeting. There was a presentation on agroforestry. Jason Weinerman indicated forestry practices should be included on the Biennial Budget Request. Mitch is going to put together a survey regarding tree sales. He indicated there is a bill at the legislature for emerald ash borer insecticide.
  - b. Gary stated the TSA meeting on March 28th was a "waste of time". It was 20 minutes in length. He also attended the area staff meeting after the TSA meeting and indicated that was worthwhile.
  - c. Chuck reported the Personnel Committee conducted interviews on April 9th and has a selected a candidate to recommend for hire.
  - d. Peggy attended the Laurentian Resource Conservation & Development on March 19<sup>th</sup>. They discussed the upcoming stream restoration conference and she stated Enbridge is wrapping up. She indicated Paul Sandstrom, Executive Director would be interested in speaking at a future meeting. (Anita will coordinate this)
7. NRCS District Conservationist Report – See report on file.

8. District Administrator Report – See report on file. Anita indicated a new bookkeeper has been selected on contract with Always There Staffing. Her name is Hillary Hartleben. She has just started.
9. Resource Conservationist - See report on file.
10. Water Resources Specialist Report – See report on file.
11. Forester Report – See report on file.

NEW BUSINESS:

12. Community Conservationist Hiring Recommendation of Personnel Committee – The committee recommended hiring Rebecca (Becca) Reiss of Ely for the Community Conservationist position. Motion by Chuck Bainter/Gary Rantala to hire Rebecca Reiss for the full-time Community Conservationist position at a rate of \$20.50 per hour, pending a successful background check.  
Affirmative: Bainter, Modich, Pearson, Peterson, Rantala  
Opposed: None  
Motion Carried
13. 2018 BWSR Technical Training Acceleration Grant -Fiscal Agent – Board Resolution 2018-2  
Motion by Frank Modich/Mark Peterson to approve Board Resolution 2018-2.  
Affirmative: Bainter, Modich, Pearson, Peterson, Rantala  
Opposed: None  
Motion Carried
14. 2018 MPCA SWAG Subcontract to Koochiching SWCD - Board Resolution 2018-3  
Motion by Chuck Bainter/Frank Modich to approve Board Resolution 2018-3.  
Affirmative: Bainter, Modich, Pearson, Peterson, Rantala  
Opposed: None  
Motion Carried
15. 2018 NRCS Conservation Collaboration Regional Grant Application & Fiscal Agent – Board Resolution 2018-4  
Motion by Mark Peterson/Chuck Bainter to approve Board Resolution 2018-4.  
Affirmative: Bainter, Modich, Pearson, Peterson, Rantala  
Opposed: None  
Motion Carried
16. New Office Space – Discussion was held regarding potential new office space. No action was taken.
17. Poster contest – Board and staff selected the top 5 posters out of approximately 150 entries.
18. Recommendations for Resolutions to be presented Area III – No resolutions were presented. No action was taken.
19. Tree Sale Pick Up Schedule – Set up for the tree sale will be on May 8. Pickup will be May 10 & 11. Board members are encouraged to volunteer. Beth will finalize the schedule and advise everyone.
20. Upcoming Meetings and Trainings
  - a. Local Work Group Meeting – Virginia – Wed, April 11 at 1:00
  - b. Area III Resolutions Meeting – Carlton – Wed, June 6
21. Confirm Next Meeting Date – Wednesday, May 9, at 10:30 a.m.
22. Adjourn – Meeting was adjourned by Mark Peterson/Chuck Bainter at 12:08 p.m.

  
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Mark Peterson, Secretary

May 9, 2018  
Date