



## North St. Louis Soil and Water Conservation District

Regular Meeting Minutes

**May 9, 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:** Beth Kleinke, Forester and Anita Provinzino, District Administrator

**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 Chuck Bainter/Gary Rantala to approve the agenda.  
Affirmative: Bainter, Modich, Pearson, Peterson, Rantala  
Opposed: None  
Motion Carried
2. Minutes – Motion by Frank Modich/Gary Rantala to approve the minutes as written.  
Affirmative: Bainter, Modich, Pearson, Peterson, Rantala  
Opposed: None  
Motion Carried
3. Treasurer's Report – Motion by Chuck Bainter/Gary Rantala to approve the April 2018 Treasurer's Report.  
Affirmative: Bainter, Modich, Pearson, Peterson, Rantala  
Opposed: None  
Motion Carried
4. Accounts Payable & Accounts Receivable – Motion by Frank Modich/Mark Peterson 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 reported he is on the Area III nominating committee.
  - b. Peggy and Chuck attended the Local Work Group meeting on April 10. There were 15 people in attendance representing BWSR, DNR, MPCA, USFS, America Bird Conservatory and Vermilion Lake Association, plus NRCS and the District. A 12-digit HUC watershed was selected as a priority from within the USFS Mesabi Project's area, based on population.
  - c. Mark reported the booth at Iron Range Earth Fest looked nice. He also stated a bill to disband the Ramsey County SWCD and transfer duties to Ramsey County is in the legislature.
7. NRCS District Conservationist Report – See report on file.
8. District Administrator Report – See report on file.
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. New Office Space – Discussion was held about suitability of various locations. One site appears to be a good possibility if the building can be made accessible with a ramp and by changing and widening the doorway into the bathroom. Anita will continue to work toward new office space.

13. Recommendations for Resolutions to be presented to Area III – No potential resolutions were presented.
14. Area III Annual Meeting Planning Update – Anita reported that a one-day session on Thursday, September 20 will be held in Mt. Iron. Tentative arrangements include the business meeting, followed by speakers on the open meeting law plus job approval authority/individual development plans. A tour of the new bridge and possibly an AIS decontamination unit are not confirmed.

NEW BUSINESS:

15. AIS Resort Campground Marina Agreements – Motion by Chuck Bainter/Mark Peterson to approve Private Access AIS Inspection agreements with Aronson Boat Works, Fortune Bay Marina, Head-of-Lakes Resort, Lake Vermilion Houseboats, Retreat Lodge, Vermilion Dam Lodge, Whispering Winds Resort – all on Lake Vermilion and Grey Wolf Lodge on Pelican Lake.  
Affirmative: Bainter, Modich, Pearson, Peterson, Rantala  
Opposed: None  
Motion Carried
16. Aitkin SWCD Forestry Resolution Draft – Motion by Mark Peterson/Gary Rantala to support the draft forestry resolution presented by Aitkin SWCD.  
Affirmative: Bainter, Modich, Pearson, Peterson, Rantala  
Opposed: None  
Motion Carried
17. Auditor Engagement Letter for year ending 12/31/17 – Motion by Chuck Bainter/Frank Modich to approve signing the engagement letter with Peterson & Co. Ltd for 2017 audit services.  
Affirmative: Bainter, Modich, Pearson, Peterson, Rantala  
Opposed: None  
Motion Carried
18. Approval to void four uncashed checks over one-year old – Motion by Gary Rantala/Chuck Bainter to void check numbers 7033, 7105, 7223, and 7321 totaling \$1010.50.  
Affirmative: Bainter, Modich, Pearson, Peterson, Rantala  
Opposed: None  
Motion Carried
19. National Association of Conservation Districts Membership – Discussion about potential membership in NACD. No action taken.
20. Strategic Plan Report – Board supervisors received the draft strategic plan report and “Flipping the Paradigm” handout via email on late Monday afternoon, May 7. Supervisors and staff will read and be prepared to discuss and finalize at June meeting.
21. Upcoming Meetings and Trainings
  - a. Area III Forestry Meeting – McGregor – Thurs, May 17
  - b. Laurentian RC & D Meeting – Duluth – Mon, May 21
  - c. Area III Resolutions Meeting – Carlton – Wed, June 6 – Motion by Gary Rantala/Chuck Bainter to pay for registrations of those who wish to attend, once registration information is received.
22. Training – Open Meeting Law Handout & Video – 5 minutes – Handout was distributed, video postponed until June meeting.
23. Confirm Next Meeting – Wednesday, June 11 at 10:30 a.m.
24. Adjourn – Motion by Mark Peterson/Chuck Bainter to adjourn at 12:31 p.m.

  
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Mark Peterson, Secretary

June 13, 2018  
Date