



North St. Louis Soil and Water Conservation District

Regular Meeting Minutes

September 12, 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: Phil Norvitch, Resource Conservationist; Anita Provinzino, District Administrator; and Becca Reiss, Community Conservationist
Others Present: None

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

1. Agenda – Motion by Chuck Bainter/Mark Peterson 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 Frank Modich/Mark Peterson to approve the August 2018 Treasurer's Report as updated 9/12/18.
Affirmative: Bainter, Modich, Pearson, Peterson, Rantala
Opposed: None
Motion Carried
4. Accounts Payable & Accounts Receivable – Motion by Gary Rantala/Frank Modich to approve accounts payable and accounts receivable as updated 9/12/18.
Affirmative: Bainter, Modich, Pearson, Peterson, Rantala
Opposed: None
Motion Carried
5. Guest Introductions & Comments –None

REPORTS:

6. Supervisor & Committee Reports
 - a. Chuck reported on the MASWCD Board Meeting held in Grand Rapids in August.
 - b. Gary commented on his time staffing the booth at the St. Louis County Fair.
7. NRCS District Conservationist Report – See report on file.
8. District Administrator Report – See report on file; plus mentioned the District is featured in today's MASWCD e-newsletter.
9. Resource Conservationist – Phil informed the board on his SWAG and Civic Engagement work, the booth he had at the Orr Expo over the weekend, he also gave a presentation and he/Becca demonstrated NRCS' rainfall simulator. He anticipates a pre-construction meeting in the near future with Vermilion Dam Lodge. He discussed the algae blooms on Myrtle Lake and the lake's historic phosphorous content. The lake may not be deep enough to stratify.
10. Water Resources Specialist Report – See report on file.
11. Forester Report – See report on file.
12. Community Conservationist 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.

OLD BUSINESS:

13. New Office Space – Discussion was held on the proposed lease, the attorney recommends not signing it as written. Anita informed the Board she was contacted by a person who will be purchasing and remodeling a building in town. She and staff toured the building, discussed needs and wants for the new space and forwarded that information to the prospective landlord. No price information is available until architect fees & construction costs can be estimated. After discussion it was determined Anita should inform first building landlord of attorney's recommendation and advise him that the District has been offered other space to see what can be negotiated.
14. Area 3 Annual Meeting Planning Update – There are 48 people registered for the meeting on September 20th. Chuck volunteered to welcome attendees to the meeting on behalf of the District.
15. MASWCD Award Nominations – No nominations were presented.

NEW BUSINESS:

16. BWSR Cost Share Amendment FY18-1 CP – Vermilion Dam Lodge – Phil advised the Board this item has been postponed. No action was taken.
17. New BWSR Cost Share Contract with Landoccupier – Motion by Chuck Bainter/Gary Rantala to approve a cost share contract with Greg & Karen Saarela for streambank protection and critical area planting. This will be funded from 2017 BWSR Capacity Cost Share funding not to exceed \$3,858 or 75% of actual cost, whichever is less.
Affirmative: Bainter, Modich, Pearson, Peterson, Rantala
Opposed: None
Motion Carried
18. BWSR FY19 Capacity & Buffer Law Funding & Board Resolution 2018-7 – Motion by Gary Rantala/Frank Modich to accept the funding & approve Board Resolution 2018-7.
Affirmative: Bainter, Modich, Pearson, Peterson, Rantala
Opposed: None
Motion Carried
19. Upcoming Supervisor Meetings and Trainings
 - a. Area 3 Forestry Meeting – September 19 - McGregor
 - b. Area 3 Annual Meeting – September 20 – Mt Iron
 - c. TSA Meeting - September 26 - Duluth
 - d. Forestry Field Day – Oct 6 - Ely
 - e. Today's training – First Amendment Audits – a discussion was held about first amendment audits and what to do/not to do should one occur.
 - f. Other
20. Confirm Next Meeting – Friday, October 19 at 10:30 a.m.
21. Meeting Adjourn by Chuck Bainter/Gary Rantala at 12:02 p.m.



Mark Peterson, Secretary

October 19, 2018
Date