



## North St. Louis Soil and Water Conservation District

Regular Meeting Minutes

June 12, 2019

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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:** Erin Loeffler, Board Conservationist, Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources; and Jon Sellnow, District Conservationist, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service

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

1. Agenda – Motion by Chuck Bainter/Frank Modich to remove items 9 & 14, then approve the agenda.  
Affirmative: Bainter, Modich, Pearson, Peterson, Rantala  
Opposed: None  
Motion Carried
2. Minutes – Motion by Gary Rantala/Chuck Bainter to approve the minutes as written.  
Affirmative: Bainter, Modich, Pearson, Peterson, Rantala  
Opposed: None  
Motion Carried
3. Treasurer's Report - Motion by Gary Rantala/Mark Peterson to approve the April Treasurer's Report.  
Affirmative: Bainter, Modich, Pearson, Peterson, Rantala  
Opposed: None  
Motion Carried  
Motion by Chuck Bainter/Mark Peterson to approve the May Treasurer's Report as updated 6/12/19.  
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 6/12/19.  
Affirmative: Bainter, Modich, Pearson, Peterson, Rantala  
Opposed: None  
Motion Carried
5. Guest Introductions & Comments – Erin Loeffler indicated BWSR will be hiring a temporary Landscape Stewardship Forester as a result of the resolution process.

### NEW BUSINESS:

6. AIS Resort/Campground/Marina Agreements – Motion by Chuck Bainter/Gary Rantala to approve agreements with: Birch Forest Lodge, Fortune Bay Resort Casino, Glenmore Resort, Gruben's Marina, Head-O-Lakes Resort, Lake Vermilion Houseboats, Life of Riley Resort, Ludlow's Island Resort, Retreat Lodge, Spring Bay Resort, Whispering Winds Resort, and Your Boat Club-Lake Vermilion effective 5/1/19.  
Affirmative: Bainter, Modich, Pearson, Peterson, Rantala  
Opposed: None  
Motion Carried

7. Approve Bid for Culvert Replacement(s) funded by 2018 DNR CPL Orr Area Trout Stream – Motion by Chuck Bainter/Mark Peterson to award the contract for the Bulldog Hanson Clvert Restoration to Viita’s Excavating of Cook in the amount of \$20,000.26 pending DNR’s approval of budget revision to CPL grant. Funding is insufficient to complete the Lost River tributary culvert restoration.  
Affirmative: Bainter, Modich, Pearson, Peterson, Rantala  
Opposed: None  
Motion Carried
8. BWSR Billable Rate, January thru Move – Motion by Frank Modich/Gary Rantala approve the BWSR Billable Rate to be used for the period beginning January 1, 2019 through the move date.  
Affirmative: Bainter, Modich, Pearson, Peterson, Rantala  
Opposed: None  
Motion Carried
9. 2019 Budget Revision – Removed
10. Credit Card Authorization for Roger Marks - \$1500 Limit – Motion by Mark Peterson/Chuck Bainter to approve a credit card with a \$1500 limit for Roger Marks.  
Affirmative: Bainter, Modich, Pearson, Peterson, Rantala  
Opposed: None  
Motion Carried
11. DNR Groundwater Monitoring Contract – Motion by Frank Modich/Chuck Bainter to approve district administrator to sign contract for groundwater monitoring contingent upon DNR authorization for board supervisors to complete all monitoring. Supervisors are able to use District vehicle or collect mileage.  
Affirmative: Bainter, Modich, Pearson, Peterson, Rantala  
Opposed: None  
Motion Carried
12. Investment – Motion by Frank Modich/Chuck Bainter to approve district administrator to invest \$35,000 in certificate of deposit with Frandsen Bank & Trust for approximate 1 year duration.  
Affirmative: Bainter, Modich, Pearson, Peterson, Rantala  
Opposed: None  
Motion Carried
13. Annual Wage Rate Review – Becca Reiss – 1 year – Motion by Gary Rantala/Frank Modich to approve 5% increase to Becca Reiss following completion of 1 year of service retroactive to May 7, 2019.  
Affirmative: Bainter, Modich, Pearson, Peterson, Rantala  
Opposed: None  
Motion Carried
14. Logo Selection - Removed
15. Upcoming Supervisor Meetings and Trainings
  - a. Area 3 Resolutions Meeting – June 14, Carlton – Gary and Anita will attend
  - b. Area 3 Annual Meeting – September 26, Hinckley

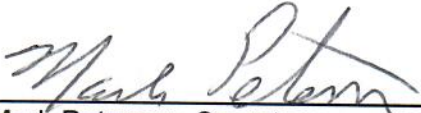
- c. Other

**REPORTS:**

- 16. District Administrator Report
  - a. Technical Service Area 3 In-kind contributions for 1Q19
  - b. Anita reported the lease revisions are nearly complete and internet/phone quotes are well underway for the new building
  - c. Anita attended a site visit to Retreat Lodge Road with Commissioner Nelson in regard to a neighbor's complaint regarding the project that was installed in 2017.
- 17. Resource Conservationist Report – None
- 18. AIS Program Coordinator Report
- 19. Forester Report
  - a. Tree Sale Report – Discussion was held regarding the 2019 tree sale. Potential items for 2020 include native plants, pollinator seeds and online ordering.
- 20. Community Conservationist Report – Becca is looking for a board member to assist an intern with the watershed game at the Summer Solstice Watershed Walk at the Laurentian Divide. Mark Peterson will attend.
  - a. Envirothon Report
- 21. Regional Farm Bill Forester Report
- 22. NRCS District Conservationist Report
- 23. Supervisor & Committee Reports
  - a. Legislative Update – Final session results were reviewed.
  - b. Local Work Group Report – Local priorities were established and forwarded to NRCS St. Paul for compilation.
  - c. Area 3 Forestry Meeting Report – Mark reported that Mitch Lundeen has accepted a position with Crow Wing County. A speaker from American Peat Technologies was at the meeting. They manufacture a granular peat product and are working on a second product that removes heavy metals out of rain water. They are building a new plant near McGrath. A tour of their plant will be held after the July 18 Forestry meeting.
  - d. Other – Peggy attended the Resource Conservation & Development meeting on May 20. She indicated Minnesota Power's slurry goes to a turpentine plant in Cohasset and is used for gypsum. Carlton has one project on the Enbridge Eco Footprint. The next meeting is July 16.

**CLOSING:**

- 24. Confirm Next Meeting – The next meeting will be scheduled for Wednesday, July 10 at 10:30 a.m.
- 25. Adjourn – Motion by Chuck Bainter/Gary Rantala to adjourn the meeting at 12:32 p.m.
  - Affirmative: Bainter, Modich, Pearson, Peterson, Rantala
  - Opposed: None
  - Motion Carried

  
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Mark Peterson, Secretary

July 10, 2019  
Date