



## North St. Louis Soil and Water Conservation District

Special Meeting Minutes

**August 14, 2019**

505 3<sup>rd</sup> St N, Ste A

Virginia MN 55792

**Supervisors Present:** Chuck Bainter, Frank Modich, Peggy Pearson, Mark Peterson & Gary Rantala  
**Staff Present:** Kelli Graham, AIS Intern; Jack Guenther, AIS Intern; Roger Marks, RFB Forester, Phil Norvitch, Resource Conservationist; & Anita Provinzino, District Administrator  
**Others Present:** Erin Loeffler, Board of Water & Soil Resources; Jon Sellnow, USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service

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

1. Agenda – Motion by Gary Rantala/Mark Peterson to approve the agenda.  
Affirmative: Bainter, Modich, Pearson, Peterson, Rantala  
Opposed: None  
Motion Carried
2. Minutes – Motion by Frank Modich/Chuck Bainter 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 July Treasurer's Report.  
Affirmative: Bainter, Modich, Pearson, Peterson, Rantala  
Opposed: None  
Motion Carried
4. Accounts Payable & Accounts Receivable – Motion by Gary Rantala/Chuck Bainter to approve accounts payable and accounts receivable with two changes: void check to Citon Computer Corporation and add \$900 to Any Way You Want It Moving.  
Affirmative: Bainter, Modich, Pearson, Peterson, Rantala  
Opposed: None  
Motion Carried
5. Guest Introductions & Comments – Erin Loeffler indicated that the BWSR board will act on applications for the One Watershed One Plan planning grants on August 27. The District is part of the application submitted by South St. Louis SWCD for the St. Louis River Watershed. Fond du Lac tribe has indicated a desire to be involved in the planning process. Erin also indicated changes to the capacity funding legislation require BWSR to revise the formula will go to the BWSR board in August. The result of these changes will vary by SWCD.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

6. AIS Resort Partnership Agreement with Timbuktu Marina – Motion by Chuck Bainter/Frank Modich to approve agreements effective 8/12/19.  
Affirmative: Bainter, Modich, Pearson, Peterson, Rantala  
Opposed: None  
Motion Carried



7. BWSR Capacity Funds Work Plan Revisions – Motion by Gary Rantala/Frank Modich to request BWSR approval of a workplan revision for 17 BWSR Capacity funds.  
Affirmative: Bainter, Modich, Pearson, Peterson, Rantala  
Opposed: None  
Motion Carried
8. BWSR 2020/2021 Conservation Delivery & Cost Share Grant Agreement & Board Resolution 2019-5 – Motion by Chuck Bainter/Mark Peterson to approve board resolution 2019-5.  
Affirmative: Bainter, Modich, Pearson, Peterson, Rantala  
Opposed: None  
Motion Carried
9. BWSR Cost Share Project Contract – Motion by Mark Peterson/Gary Rantala to approve a cost share project contract with the City of Eveleth in the amount of \$11,459.25 or 75% of actual cost, whichever is less, for shoreline erosion repairs in Veterans Park using \$4148.04 of 2018 Cost Share funds and \$6834.96 of 2018 Capacity Cost Share funds.  
Affirmative: Bainter, Modich, Pearson, Peterson, Rantala  
Opposed: None  
Motion Carried
10. Credit Card for Natalya (\$5000 limit) – Motion by Chuck Bainter/Mark Peterson to approve a credit card in the amount of \$5000 for business use by Natalya Walker.  
Affirmative: Bainter, Modich, Pearson, Peterson, Rantala  
Opposed: None  
Motion Carried
11. Regular meeting location – change – Motion by Chuck Bainter/Frank Modich to set the regular meeting location for the remainder of the year to the district's new office at 505 3<sup>rd</sup> St N, Ste A in Virginia.  
Affirmative: Bainter, Modich, Pearson, Peterson, Rantala  
Opposed: None  
Motion Carried
12. WCA LGU for small municipalities – Discussion was held regarding a request from BWSR to become the wetland conservation act (WCA) local government unit for small municipalities that currently do not have a wetland conservation act resource – if the municipality opts to contract for these services. While this is something the District did prior to its closure, it has not done it since then. This would be a fee-for-service contract where the District would provide WCA noticing, complete required reporting and maintain files according to WCA statutes. After discussion, the Board asked staff to prepare summary information related to it as well as a recommendation on how to proceed.
13. Upcoming Supervisor Meetings and Trainings
  - a. Governance 101, Sept 12-13, Bloomington, \$250 – Motion by Frank Modich/Chuck Bainter to pay for up to two persons to attend the workshop.  
Affirmative: Bainter, Modich, Pearson, Peterson, Rantala  
Opposed: None  
Motion Carried
  - b. Area 3 Annual Meeting – September 26, Hinckley, \$24 – Motion by Chuck Bainter/Mark Peterson to pay for expenses for those interested in attending. Those interested should contact Anita by September 9.  
Affirmative: Bainter, Modich, Pearson, Peterson, Rantala  
Opposed: None  
Motion Carried
  - c. Other

#### REPORTS:

14. District Administrator Report – See report on file
15. Resource Conservationist Report – See report on file

16. Community Conservationist Report – See report on file
17. Regional Farm Bill Forester Report – See report on file
18. NRCS District Conservationist Report – See report on file. Jon also indicated interviews have been conducted for a soil conservationist position in the Virginia office. Also, Troy Daniel will be touring the state and is anticipated to be in Virginia on September 19, further details will be forthcoming.
19. Supervisor & Committee Reports
  - a. Resource Conservation & Development, July 16, Duluth – see item c below.
  - b. Area 3 Forestry – July 17, McGregor – Mark reported that BWSR hired Lindberg Ekola as a forest stewardship planning coordinator; discussion occurred on filling the A3 & A8 forestry position held by Mitch Lundeen; and on the tour of the peat plant after the last meeting. The next meeting is September 19 in McGregor.
  - c. Laurentian Resource Conservation & Development – July 22, Duluth – See report on file.
  - d. Other – Mark distributed flyers on the North Central Regional Outreach Center's Visitor Day on August 22.

**CLOSING:**

22. Confirm Next Meeting – The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 11 at 10:30 a.m.
25. Adjourn – Motion by Chuck Bainter/Frank Modich to adjourn the meeting at 12:02 p.m.  
Affirmative: Bainter, Modich, Pearson, Peterson, Rantala  
Opposed: None  
Motion Carried

  
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Mark Peterson, Secretary

September 11, 2019  
Date