



North St. Louis Soil and Water Conservation District  
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Virginia MN 55792

Regular Meeting Minutes  
September 9, 2020

**Supervisors Present at Roll Call:** Chuck Bainter, Frank Modich, Peggy Pearson, Mark Peterson and Gary Rantala

**Staff Present:** Anita Provinzino, District Administrator; Becca Reiss, Community Conservationist, Beth Kleinke, Regional Farm Bill Forester; and Natalya Walker, AIS Program Coordinator

**Others Present:** Allison Praet, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service

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

1. Agenda – Moved by Chuck Bainter/Mark Peterson to approve the agenda.

Roll Call Vote:

Bainter	Aye
Modich	Aye
Pearson	Aye
Peterson	Aye
Rantala	Aye

Motion Carried

2. Minutes – Moved by Frank Modich/Mark Peterson to approve the August 12, 2020 minutes as written. Roll Call Vote:

Bainter	Aye
Modich	Aye
Pearson	Aye
Peterson	Aye
Rantala	Aye

Motion Carried

3. Treasurer's Report & Program Summary for August – Moved by Chuck Bainter/Gary Rantala to approve the Treasurer's Report and Program Summary. Roll Call Vote:

Bainter	Aye
Modich	Aye
Pearson	Aye
Peterson	Aye
Rantala	Aye

Motion Carried

4. Accounts Payable & Accounts Receivable – Moved by Frank Modich/Chuck Bainter to approve accounts payable and accounts receivable dated 9/4/2020 plus payment of \$120.18 to Lundgren Motors. Roll Call Vote:

Bainter	Aye
Modich	Aye
Pearson	Aye
Peterson	Aye
Rantala	Aye

Motion Carried

5. Guest Introductions & Comments – None present

**NEW BUSINESS:**

6. Cost Share Policy Update – Motion by Gary Rantala/Chuck Bainter to approve the Cost Share Policy as updated. Discussion was held with assurance given that landowners are educated about conservation options and funding priorities. Roll Call Vote:

Bainter	Aye
Modich	Aye
Pearson	Aye
Peterson	Aye
Rantala	Aye

Motion Carried

7. COVID-19 Impacts Update – No additional impacts noted.  
8. Credit Card for Beth Kleinke – Motion by Chuck Bainter/Frank Modich to approve a credit card with a \$1500 limit for Beth Kleinke. Roll Call Vote:

Bainter	Aye
Modich	Aye
Pearson	Aye
Peterson	Aye
Rantala	Aye

Motion Carried

9. Duluth Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area Memorandum of Understanding – Motion by Frank Modich/Mark Peterson to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Duluth Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area. Roll Call Vote:

Bainter	Aye
Modich	Aye
Pearson	Aye
Peterson	Aye
Rantala	Aye

Motion Carried

10. Tree Stock Order for 2021 Tree Sale – Motion by Frank Modich/Chuck Bainter to approve up to \$9,000 in tree stock purchases, not including shipping or chemicals. Roll Call Vote:

Bainter	Aye
Modich	Aye
Pearson	Aye
Peterson	Aye
Rantala	Aye

Motion Carried

11. Upcoming Supervisor Meetings and/or Trainings
- a. Forestry – September 17
  - b. Resource Conservation & Development – September 21 – Peggy indicated this will be the 28th, not the 21st.
  - c. Technical Service Area III – September 23
  - d. SLR 1W1P Policy Committee – to be scheduled
  - e. other

**REPORTS:**

- 12. District Administrator Report – See report on file.
- 13. Aquatic Invasive Species Program Coordinator Report – see report on file.
- 14. Community Conservationist Report – see report on file.
- 15. Forester Report – see report on file.
- 16. Resource Conservationist Report – see report on file.
- 17. NRCS Report – Allison stated NRCS is in process of obligating contracts, certifying projects, and preparing CSP payments. She indicated she anticipates NRCS will post



position openings soon for both a soil conservation technician and a soil conservationist for the Virginia office.

18. Supervisor & Committee Reports
- a. Chuck reported the Policy Committee for the St. Louis River Watershed One Watershed One Plan appointed advisory committee members.
  - b. Gary indicated he has had a conversation with Brad Matlack, Carlton SWCD Administrator, about wood pellets.

**CLOSING:**

19. Confirm Next Meeting – Wednesday, October 14, at 10:30 a.m.  
20. Adjourn – Moved by Gary Rantala/Frank Modich to adjourn meeting at 11:36 a.m.

Roll Call Vote:

Bainter	Aye
Modich	Aye
Pearson	Aye
Peterson	Aye
Rantala	Aye

Motion Carried

  
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Mark Peterson, Secretary

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