



North St. Louis Soil and Water Conservation District  
505 3<sup>rd</sup> St N, Ste A  
Virginia MN 55792

Special Meeting/Annual Meeting Minutes  
January 12, 2022

Due to COVID-19, the annual meeting was held in person at the Virginia Public Library in the lower-level conference room at the Virginia Public Library, 215 S 5<sup>th</sup> Ave, Virginia. A zoom link was available for non-board supervisors.

**Supervisors Present at Roll Call:** Chuck Bainter, Frank Modich, Peggy Pearson, and Mark Peterson were present in-person.

**Staff Present:** Anita Provinzino, District Administrator was present in-person. Zach Evans, Regional Farm Bill Forester; Phil Norvitch, Resource Conservationist; Becca Reiss, Community Conservationist and Tuomas Sivula, MN GreenCorps Member Natalya Walker, Forester/AIS Program Coordinator; all joined via Zoom.

**Others Present:** Erin Loeffler, Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources; and Allison Praett, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, joined via Zoom.

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

1. Agenda - Moved by Frank Modich/Chuck Bainter to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
2. Minutes of December 8, 2021 Special Meeting – Moved by Chuck Bainter/Mark Peterson to approve the minutes as written. Motion carried
3. Financial Reports & Program Summary – Moved by Gary Rantala/Chuck Bainter to approve the financial report and program summary. Motion carried
4. Accounts Payable & Accounts Receivable – Moved by Frank Modich/Chuck Bainter to approve the accounts payable and accounts receivable. Motion carried
5. Guest Introductions and Comments – Erin Loeffler indicated BWSR would be hosting a spring training virtually again this year.

#### NEW BUSINESS

6. AIS - Delegation Agreement with MN DNR – Moved by Gary Rantala/Frank Modich to approve signing the delegation agreement authorizing us to complete watercraft inspections. Motion carried
7. COVID-19 Impacts Update, if any: none
8. Election of Officers & Annual Meeting Business – Moved by Frank Modich/Chuck Bainter to keep all board positions and committee assignments the same. Motion carried. Moved by Frank Modich/Chuck Bainter to approve all other annual meeting business, see attached. Motion carried.
9. Grant Applications – With board approval, staff will apply for any/all:
  - a. MDA Urban Ag & Board Resolution 2022-01 – Moved by Frank Modich/Gary Rantala to approve Board Resolution 2022-01. Motion carried.
  - b. NACD Urban Ag & Board Resolution 2022-02 - Moved by Frank Modich/Chuck Bainter to approve application to NACD Urban Ag Urban Ag. Motion carried.
  - c. BWSR Lawns to Legumes Neighborhood & Board Resolution 2022-03 – Moved by Frank Modich/Mark Peterson to approve application BWSR Lawns & Legumes Motion carried.
10. Pay Equity Compliance Report - Moved by Gary Rantala/Frank Modich to approve and submit the pay equity compliance report. Motion Carried.
11. Personnel Committee's Report of Annual Performance Review of Anita Provinzino & Salary Adjustment – Gary Rantala reported on the performance evaluation that was conducted yesterday over zoom. Moved by Gary Rantala/cg to grant a 3.5% increase effective 2/2/22.

The mission of the North St. Louis Soil & Water Conservation District is to encourage sustainable use of our natural resources by engaging people in soil and water conservation in northern St. Louis County.



12. Upcoming Supervisor Meetings and/or Trainings

- a. Laurentian Resource Conservation & Development – January 25
- b. SWCD Forestry Association – January 21
- c. Technical Service Area III – January 26
- d. Other – St. Louis River 1W1P Policy Committee – January 27

REPORTS

13. District Administrator Report – See report on file

14. Aquatic Invasive Species Program Coordinator/Forester Report – See report on file

15. Community Conservationist Report – See report on file

16. Regional Farm Bill Forester – See report on file

17. Resource Conservationist Report – See report on file

18. NRCS District Conservationist Report- See report on file

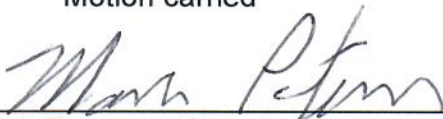
19. Supervisor & Committee Reports

- a. Laurentian Resource Conservation & Development – Peggy reported there is over \$37,000 in the account, Paul Sandstrom was paid \$4,800 and Ted Lovdahl was paid \$148.50 for mileage. They continue to finalize plans for Minnesota RC&D winter meeting. Paul continues his work on carbon credits and bio char. They await news from Enbridge about a reforestation grant. Peggy previewed and Anita will send out the Nature Conservancy's request for support to plant one million trees by 2040.
- b. SWCD Forestry Association – Mark reported on the last meeting's presentations on a proposed new mill in Cohasset by 2024 and carbon sequestration. Anita will send the presentations to the Board. He also reported on the legislative panel with Senator Carrie Ruud, and Representatives Rob Ecklund and Dale Lueck.

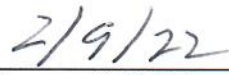
CLOSING

20. Next Meeting Date – The next meeting was set for Wednesday, February 9, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. Location to be announced.

21. Adjourn – Moved by Chuck Bainter/Frank Modich to adjourn the meeting at 11:25 a.m.  
Motion carried



Mark Peterson, Secretary



February 9, 2022



## Resolution 2022-01

### North St. Louis Soil and Water Conservation District

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**WHEREAS**, the Minnesota Department of Agriculture announced a grant round to encourage urban youth agricultural education and urban agriculture community development within city limits, and

**WHEREAS**, the District staff would develop and submit a proposal that would meet those requirements; and

**WHEREAS**, this supports the District's three goals 1) Provide Services, 2) Spread the Message and 3) Strengthen our Capacity; and

**WHEREAS**, the North St Louis Soil & Water Conservation District Board authorizes application to and desires to accept this funding, if awarded.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the North St Louis Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors authorizes the District Administrator or Board Chair to apply for, secure and sign all documents related to such award.

Motion Made by: *Modica*

Seconded by: *Rantala*

Affirmative: *Brinta, Mooka, Pearson, Peterson, Rantala*

Opposed: *None*

#### Certification of Recording Officer

I, the undersigned, hereby certify, that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the resolution adopted by the North St Louis SWCD Board on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of January 2022 and that I am duly authorized to execute this certificate.

*Mark Peterson*  
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Mark Peterson, Board Secretary

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## Resolution 2022-02

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**WHEREAS**, the National Association of Conservation Districts announced a grant round to enhance districts' urban agriculture conservation technical assistance activities in developed and developing areas of both urban and rural communities, and

**WHEREAS**, the District staff would develop and submit a proposal that would meet those requirements; and

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Motion Made by: *Modich*

Seconded by: *Bainter*

Affirmative: *Bainter, Modich, Pearson, Peterson, Rantala*

Opposed: *none*

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**WHEREAS**, the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources announced a round of grants between \$20,000 and \$40,000 aimed at increasing the populations of rusty patched bumble bees and other at-risk pollinators by efforts to establish residential pollinator habitat within neighborhoods in important pollinator corridors/pathways and building overall interest in ecological landscaping, and

**WHEREAS**, the District staff would develop and submit a funding proposal that would meet those requirements; and

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Motion Made by: *Malick*

Seconded by: *Peterson*

Affirmative: *Brinter, Malick, Pearson, Peterson, Rantala*

Opposed: *none*

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