

SE SWCD TECH. SUPPORT JPB MEETING

Tuesday, July 30 2019

9:30 AM

PEOPLE'S ENERGY COOPERATIVE

1775 Lake Shady Ave. S.

Oronoco, MN

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: Bill Thompson-Dodge, Robert Pickett-Fillmore, Paul Heers Jr-Freeborn, John Jaeger-Goodhue, James Gebhardt-Mower, Paul Uecker-Olmsted, Jim Purfeerst-Rice, Jerry Welke-Root River, Mark Ihlenfeld-Steele, Larry Theismann-Wabasha, Jerry Mueller-Winona

Others Present: Adam King-Dodge, Laura Christensen-Fillmore, Brenda Lageson-Freeborn, Glen Roberson-Goodhue, Delane Krier-Goodhue, Steve Pahs-Rice, Terri Peters-Wabasha, Daryl Buck-Winona, Peter Fryer-JPB Engineer, Kate Bruss-JPB Engineer, Jason Rochester-JPB Engineering Technician, Adam Beilke-BWSR, Dave Copeland-BWSR, Dean Thomas-Soil Health Tech (Fillmore)

CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was called to order at 9:40 a.m. by Chairman Jim Gebhardt. Those present rose and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

I. AGENDA

Motioned by John Jaeger seconded by Paul Uecker to approve the Agenda as printed. Voting affirmative: Thompson, Pickett, Heers, Jaeger, Gebhardt, Uecker, Purfeerst, Welke, Ihlenfeld, Theismann, Mueller. Opposed: None. Motion passed.

II. INTRODUCTIONS

Those present introduced themselves and shared what county they represent.

III. SECRETARY'S REPORT

Motioned by Mark Ihlenfeld seconded by Jim Purfeerst to approve the January 30, 2019 Board Meeting minutes as printed. Voting affirmative: Thompson, Pickett, Heers, Jaeger, Gebhardt, Purfeerst, Uecker, Welke, Ihlenfeld, Theismann, Mueller. Opposed: None. Motion passed

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Glen Roberson informed those present that the Finance Committee met on July 24, 2019. (See attached for details) Those present reviewed and discussed the Finance Committee recommendations. No action was taken at this time.

V. ACTION ITEMS

Old Business:

1. Grant Updates

Glen Roberson and Kate Bruss updated those present on the following ongoing JPB Grants.

A. RCPP Feedlot Grant

Current Projects (nearing end of Grants, focus cost sharing). Need to request extension past 12/31/19.

Final Grant Agreement with BWSR: \$260,000 expected Sept 2019.

Final RCPP EQIP signup March 2020.

B. Enhanced Shared Technical Services Grants

Soil Health Position Supplemental Funding.

C. Other.

There was no other grants discussed

Chairman Gebhardt called for recess of the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

Dave Copeland left meeting at 10:50 a.m.

Chairman Gebhardt resumed the meeting at 11:05 a.m.

New Business:

1. Review and Act on Finance Committee Recommendations.

A. Action on Approval of Fiscal Year 2019 Financial Reports.

Motioned by Jerry Mueller seconded by Larry Theismann to approve the Fiscal Year 2019 Financial Reports as presented. (See attached for details) Voting affirmative: Thompson, Pickett, Heers, Jaeger, Gebhardt, Uecker, Purfeerst, Welke, Ihlenfeld, Theismann, Mueller. Opposed: None. Motion passed.

B. Action on Fiscal Year 2020 Budget.

Motioned by John Jaeger seconded by Jim Purfeerst to approve the Fiscal Year 2020 Budget as presented. (See attached for details) Voting affirmative: Thompson, Pickett, Heers, Jaeger, Gebhardt, Uecker, Purfeerst, Welke, Ihlenfeld, Theismann, Mueller. Opposed: None. Motion passed.

C. Update: FY2020 BWSR Grant: NPEA Base Operations Funding & Enhanced Shared Technical Services (Chair Authorized to Sign via Resolution Approved at January 29 2015 Meeting).

No Action taken at this time.

D. Action to Authorize Credit Cards for TSA Staff Expenses.

Motioned by John Jaeger seconded by Larry Theismann to approve Credit Cards for TSA Staff with a policy set in place as to what expenses can be charged. Steve Pahs will share the policy that they have in place for their staff. Voting affirmative: Thompson, Pickett, Heers, Jaeger, Gebhardt, Uecker, Purfeerst, Welke, Ihlenfeld, Theismann, Mueller. Opposed: None. Motion passed.

E. Action on RCPP Small Feedlot Fix Program:

- i. Approve Sub Agreement with Dodge SWCD for new RCPP Feedlot Cost Share, Contingent on NRCS approval**

of EQIP Cost Share: for Currier Brothers, 90% Combined EQIP /State Cost Share plus Technical Funding.

Motioned by Mark Ihlenfeld seconded by Paul Uecker to approve the information given by Kate Bruss and approve the Sub Agreement with Dodge SWCD for new RCPP Feedlot Cost Share Contingent on NRCS approval of EQIP Cost Share: for Currier Brothers: up to 90% Combined EQIP /State Cost Share plus Technical Assistance Funding (See attached for details). Voting affirmative: Thompson, Pickett, Heers, Jaeger, Gebhardt, Uecker, Purfeerst, Welke, Ihlenfeld, Theismann, Mueller. Opposed: None. Motion passed.

ii. Decision on if JPB Should Fund Projects this Year @ 75% with just State Funds.

Motioned by Paul Uecker seconded by Larry Theismann to approve funding with State Funds at 75%, up to \$375,000.00 this Calendar year. Funding will be based on the approved Priority Ranking System. If funding remains after the first project, it will be offered to the next highest ranked projects in order of priority until one accepts or we reach the end of the priority list. Any remaining funds will be carried over to next year. Voting affirmative: Thompson, Pickett, Heers, Jaeger, Gebhardt, Uecker, Purfeerst, Welke, Ihlenfeld, Theismann, Mueller. Opposed: None. Motion passed.

iii. Decision on How to Rank of eligible project for cost share.

Motioned by Paul Uecker seconded by Paul Heers to approve using the Point System presented today by Kate Bruss and fund in ranked order; and to give a deadline if landowner has changes.

Voting affirmative: Thompson, Pickett, Heers, Jaeger, Gebhardt, Purfeerst, Uecker, Welke, Ihlenfeld, Theismann, Mueller. Opposed: None. Motion passed.

iv. Deadline for Landowner to Sign Cost Share Agreement.

Motioned by John Jaeger seconded by Mark Ihlenfeld to approve a date of August 16th, 2019 for ranking and 1 week for landowner to decide if they will go forward with these terms and build their project. Voting affirmative: Thompson, Pickett, Heers, Jaeger, Gebhardt, Uecker, Purfeerst, Welke, Ihlenfeld, Theismann, Mueller. Opposed: None. Motion passed.

Larry Theismann left the meeting at 11:45 a.m.

v. Decision on Special Meeting or Executive Committee Meeting to Fund New Sub Agreements for Cost Share.

Motioned by Paul Uecker seconded by Bill Thompson to approve a meeting 3rd week of Aug for the Executive Committee to fund new Sub Agreements for Cost Share. Voting affirmative: Thompson, Pickett, Heers, Jaeger, Gebhardt, Uecker, Purfeerst, Welke, Ihlenfeld, Mueller. Opposed: None. Motion passed.

vi. Authorize Host Manager to Request Extension to RCPP Grant Agreement P17-4048; and to Sign 50% Financial Statement Allowing Request for next 40% Payment to JPB

Motioned by Jerry Mueller seconded by Jim Purfeerst to approve the authorization of Glen Roberson to request an extension to Grant P17-4048 and to extend all needed active sub agreements. Voting affirmative: Thompson, Pickett, Heers, Jaeger, Gebhardt, Uecker, Purfeerst, Welke, Ihlenfeld, Mueller. Opposed: None. Motion passed.

vii. Authorize Chair to Sign Final Grant Agreement for RCPP Feedlot, \$260,000; expected September 2019.

Motioned by John Jaeger seconded by Mark Ihlenfeld to authorize Chair to sign Next BWSR Grant Agreement for RCPP Feedlot, \$260,000, expected September 2019. Voting affirmative: Thompson, Pickett, Heers, Jaeger, Gebhardt, Uecker, Purfeerst, Welke, Ihlenfeld, Mueller. Opposed: None. Motion passed.

F. Authorize Financial Audit with Peterson Company LTD for FY2019: \$3000.

Motioned by Jim Purfeerst seconded by Paul Heers to approve financial audit by Peterson Company at the cost of \$3000.00. Voting affirmative: Thompson, Pickett, Heers, Jaeger, Gebhardt, Uecker, Purfeerst, Welke, Ihlenfeld, Mueller. Opposed: None. Motion passed.

G. JPB Staff Equipment Update.

Glen Roberson discussed getting GPS equipment for use by Jason Rochester within budget.

No action taken, as this is part of the budget.

H. Action on Final Financial Reports for BWSR Grants: Authorize JPB Secretary to Sign Grant Final Financial Reports.

Motioned by Mark Ihlenfeld seconded by John Jaeger to approve JPB Secretary to sign Grant Final Financial Reports. Voting affirmative: Thompson, Pickett, Heers, Jaeger, Gebhardt, Purfeerst, Welke, Ihlenfeld, Mueller. Opposed: None. Motion passed.

2. Action to Authorize JPB Application to BWSR Clean Water Funding For Construction of RCPP Feedlot Projects that Applied but Did Not Receive Funding.

Motioned by Jim Purfeerst seconded by Paul Heers to approve JPB applications to BWSR Clean Water Funding for our highest priority Feedlot Projects that applied but did not receive funding from the RCPP Small Feedlot Fix Program. Voting affirmative: Thompson, Pickett, Heers, Jaeger, Gebhardt, Purfeerst, Welke, Ihlenfeld, Mueller. Opposed: None. Motion passed.

3. Other:

There was no other New Business at this time

Paul Heers, and Brenda Lageson left meeting at 12:10 p.m.

VI. PROJECT SUMMARY / REPORTS

1. BWSR Updates:

Adam Beilke updated on Cost Share changes and also on Water Shed Base Funding program which will go in front of Board on Sept 25th, 2019.

2. Bill Thompson, Area 7 Director:

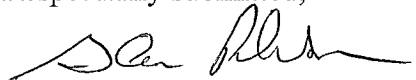
Bill Thompson updated on needing guidance on projects for Area 7. He would like to apply for grants and hire additional full time staff for the Cover Crop program. Need to find more areas for funding/grants.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Motioned by John Jaeger seconded by Jerry Mueller to adjourn the meeting. Voting affirmative: Thompson, Pickett, Jaeger, Gebhardt, Purfeerst, Welke, Ihlenfeld, Mueller. Opposed: None. Motion passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

 Jan. 28, 2020

Glen Roberson
Secretary

ATTACHMENT: Agenda