

Midland Conservation District Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes December 21, 2021 at 7:00 PM
Location: Lee Township Hall 1485 W Olson Rd, Midland, MI 48640

Call to Order: Laura N. called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

Roll Call: Board Members Present; Laura Norcutt, David Ruhle, Cindy Poole, Kevin Mudd.
Absent; Amy Klopf

Staff present: Karen Thurlow, Darcy Laurin

Associate Board members present; Dan Henton, Pam Hall

Additions to the Agenda: MAEAP Dec. 14 meeting update
Region 6 request for nominations.
Bay County CD. Board appointment

Consent Agenda: ~~December~~ ^{NOVEMBER} ~~minutes~~ ^{KX *}

Approval of ~~December~~ ^{Nov.} meeting minutes. Kevin M. motioned to approve ~~Dec.~~ ^{KX *} minutes as presented, Dave R. seconded the motion, all members voted for approval.

Approval Financial Reports: November Financial balanced and reconciled.

Karen T. noted Amy K. sent email stating she reviewed the report and approved, Cindy P. motioned to approve Dec. financial report, Kevin M. seconded the motion, all members voted for approval.

Approval for Payment of current of bills See December Financial Report:

December Payroll and bonus as listed,
Fischer Insurance WC renewal-\$285.37, pd ck1556
Weebly Website renew 1 years-\$300.00, debit card purchase.
Water bill City of Midland -\$73.79, pd ck1555
Consumers Energy Barn Electric – (estimated July-November) \$148.11, pd ck1557
Walmart Checks for new account \$76.34, Debit card purchase.
(once we receive checks, we will close Huntington account)
Reimburse Karen T. cash to open new accounts, \$5.00 savings & \$25.00 Checking = \$30.00
pd.ck.1548
MFCU- \$10,000.00 to new account. Ck 1550
Consumers Energy Barn Electric (actual Dec.) \$43.03 pd.ck.1564

After Board review, Cindy P. motioned to pay listed bills, Laura N. seconded the motion, all members voted for approval.

Staff and Partner Reports:

Board members were sent staff reports on 12/16/2021 for review. ALL reports reviewed before the meeting and have questions or comments ready.

NRCS Report: Dave L , Staff Report: Ben V, CTAI Contract Assistant Report: Darcy L

MDARD -Partner Report ,

Administrators Report: Updates & Old Business:

Barn Update - NRCS Coop Agreement updates - NACD TA Update
CTAI grant - HAP Monitoring Update, MACD Operations Grant Update.
Tree Sale Update - Grants and Funding - Agriscience Advisory Board update
Workshop/MCTV Schedule/ Updates - Trailer Rental Program, Advocacy and Outreach

New Business:

- Board Evaluation January. Christy Roman will attend.

Karen T. stated Christy will attend next meeting to go over board eval and assessment. We need to designate board Chair, Officers also,

- B.V. new work schedule, changing 1-10-22 will still be working part time, 24 hours per week.

Karen and Ben will rotate hours in office for NRCS Covid rules.

- Karen T stated she will need to order Order Plantskydd and Wildflower seeds for tree sale.
- MAEAP Dec. 14 meeting update; Karen and Ben attended a meeting with Isabella and Gladwin counties with K.W. MAEAP Tech, Christy R, to go over goals and reporting for 2022. We are

committed to working together to promote MAEAP and support for the 3 counties. Commitment to meet once per year, and Ken to report quarterly on activities.

- Kevin Craig, Chairman for Region 6 request for nominations from the board for seats on the Region 6 Board. Karen tried to explain but needed some questions answered by Kevin. Will follow up with an email 12/22/2021, since the requested deadline is Dec. 24.
- Bay County CD. Board appointment: Darcy said Bay County has reinstated a board and they are hoping to partner with us to get the district back into operation. Meetings will be 1st Tuesday of the month starting January 4, 2022

Correspondence/Community Activities/District Promotion and Trainings

Additions to the Agenda: Guest/Public Comment None

Next Meeting: January 18, 2022 Happy New Year!

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Adjourn: No new business, Laura N. motioned to adjourn meeting at 7:34pm

Minutes Approved: ** With Corrections Noted*

Laura E. Kencel _____ **Date:** *1/18/2022*

Chairman

Karen A. Thibault _____ **Date:** *1-18-22*

Secretary