

Minutes January 21, 2020 - 7:00 PM
Conservation District Board of Directors Meeting
954 Isabella Rd, Midland, MI 48640

Call to Order: 7:03pm by Chair Laura Norcutt.

Roll Call: Laura Norcutt, Mary Johnson. David Ruhle. Cindy Poole. Absent Jan Ruhle. Karen Thurlow. Nathanael Gentle. John Roberts. Pam Hall. Belinda Brewster.

Additions to the Agenda: Introduced New employee John R. Hired through MDARD CTAI Grant

Consent Agenda:

After review motion for approval of December meeting minutes was made by Cindy P. seconded Laura N, and the motion carried

After review approval Financial for December financial report was made by Cindy P. seconded by Mary J. motion carried.

Approval for Payment of current bills: January

Payroll, Quarterly/monthly payroll filings. Smith & Co CPA Quarterly payment. Mary J. motioned to approve, Laura seconded, and the motion carried.

Approval for payment of Midland Antique Engine Show Book Advertising, HAP quarterly payment to KT was requested, after reviewing the request Laura N. made a motion to approve, Mary seconded, and the motion carried

Work Comp payment renewal was requested, Laura Motioned, Dave Seconded, and the motion carried.

Approval to purchase Stamps was requested, Laura motioned, Cindy seconded, and the motion carried.

Payment for mileage for John R. for trainings and meetings was requested. Laura motioned, Mary seconded, and the motion carried.

NRCS Update: Nathanael G. gave a brief report of what he has been working on.

Administrators Report: Old Business: please see admin report.

Directors were asked if they have any questions or concerns with report. None were submitted.

The following items were included in the report.

NRCS Coop Agreement updates:

NACD TA Update:

HAP Monitoring Update:

CTAI grant and Audit information

Tree Sale updates:

Trailer Rental Program

Barn Updates

Agriscience Advisory Board update:

Workshop/MCTV Schedule/ Updates:

Tree Sale Update:
Annual Meeting update May 19, 2020

New Business:

Laura & Mary shared Fall 2019 Directors Workshop Notes.
Stated Directors should take time to go to the training.
We discussed the need for Strategic Planning and Policy review.
Will get with Christy R. and schedule a strategic planning meeting
Barn maintenance proposals (drainage) on hold, looking for someone to do for free.
John mentioned a friend that may do it for free for advertising.
Employee Work agreements review. We went over new work agreements for all employees.
The Board approved Nathanael's work agreement and will do evaluation before next pay date Feb 3.
A budget for the Hemp workshop was set at \$300.00
We will use Facebook boost for tree sale advertising.

**Correspondence/Community Activities/District Promotion and Trainings
Correspondence/Community Activities /Advocacy upcoming events**

Jan 24-25 Northern Mi Small Farm Conference TC MI
January 28 & 29 Conservation Desk Top Training in Mt. Pleasant.
Feb. 8, Michigan Family Farms Conference
Feb. 4-6 in Mt Pleasant, MI 2020 Farm Bill Roll out
Feb. 13, Hemp Workshop
Feb 13, 10am-1pm CISMA Partner Meeting
Feb. 15, Wild Game Dinner, Calvary Baptist Church 12-5pm Laura and Jeff to represent.
Feb 21, GAAS Audit begins
Saginaw Bay RC&D closing

Additions to the Agenda: Guest/Public Comment

Adjourn: Laura motioned to adjourn at 8:22pm, Cindy seconded the motion.

Next Meeting: February 18, 2020

Approved:  Date: 2/18/2020
Chair

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Secretary