

Minutes Oct 15, 2019 - 7:00 PM
Conservation District Board of Directors Meeting
954 Isabella Rd, Midland, MI 48640

Call to Order 7:00pm

Roll Call: Board Members: Cindy Poole, David Ruhle, Mary Johnson, Laura Norcutt, Jan Ruhle absent. Karen Thurlow Administrator, Nathanael Gentle TA.

Consent Agenda:

Approval of September meeting minutes: Mary J. motioned to approve September minutes with the omission of "set annual meeting date" because we did not set one at this time, Laura L. seconded all voted in favor.

Approval of Financial Report for September: After board review, Mary J. motioned to approve September financial report, Laura L. seconded all voted in favor.

Approval for Payment current of bills:

Payroll, Staples supplies needed for farm tour, Nursery license renewal, bottled water for barn clean up, post card for tree sale promotion, hotel accommodations for Fall Conference for Nathanael and Karen. Cindy P. made the motion to approve, Laura N. seconded the motion all in favor.

NRCS Update: Paul H. (DC) was not able to make meeting. Nathanael was able to give a brief report of what we were working on.

Administrators Report: Old Business:

NRCS Cooperative Agreement Update: Signed extension agreements for the \$65,000.00 in funding. All documents in order. Report out 10/11/2019 \$9341.94 pending approval.

NACD TA Grant Update: 1st report submitted 10/11/2019, second payment received and deposited.

HAP UPDATE: Bi Weekly Monitoring is in session October 1 through Dec. 30, first property visit August 25. New documents put into sign in station with updated information. HAP Quarterly report done 10/10/2019. Currently due 271.02 on FY19 agreement and estimated 481.46 for FY20 MOU present, Laura Signed, Karen will e-mail.

Tree Sale Updates: Schedule-Pick up trees, April 13 or 14, Distribute orders April 20-25, Native plant and extra tree sale April 20 through May 9.2020. Have Earth and Water tunnel out for community to see. Earth Day 50th Anniversary Celebration scheduled with CNC and other partners April 18-19. Promotional Post card was approved. Would mail in January. Update mailing list Start collecting seeds- list of native plants to sell. Pricing Jiffy pellets, plastic pots for plants,

Trailer Rental Program Update: We are working on a flyer and new rental documents and program. Reached out to the Agriscience program with them.

Barn Update: We hauled 4 loads to dump 10/7/19. Barn clean up and introduction scheduled with the Students for Sustainability from Northwood October 22 form 4-6pm. Decided not to provide food for sanitary reasons. Bottled water was approved. Paul, Karen, Nathanael Hosting. Board members available?

Community Activities /Advocacy Updates

State of the Bay update: State of the Bay Conference, Bay City 9-26-19

The Conference was held at the Double Tree Hotel in Bay City, Nathanael and Karen attended. There were around 200 participants and some state officials there.

Karen attended State of the Bay Report Card Session, Environmental Education, learned about SVSU STEM programs and got a tour of their mobile lab. The lunch presentation on the Shiawassee River State Water Trail was very interesting. The afternoon sessions Karen attended were Septic Systems and Water Quality and the Toxics, Restoration and Emerging Issues. They talked about the St. Louis PCB clean up and the Dow Tittabawassee Dioxin clean up. Over all there was great information and great networking.

Nathanael and Karen attended the meeting from 8am-4pm.

Nature Conservancy Lunch & Learn 10-8-2019 Nathanael and Karen attended the program. Information Farm Resiliency in Wet Weather. Training fees covered by NRCS Grant.

4th Grade Farm Tour: We had a follow up visit to Adam's School and met with 3- 4th grade classes and collected posters they made on what they learned at the farm tour. Karen will post them on our web page and Face book and the one that gets the most likes will be picked for the \$25.00 gift card. Board reviewed posters.

Those classes participating will receive trees next spring.

Midland Home Builders Assoc. Chronic Wasting and wildlife habitat plots. -10-9-19

Karen did a successful presentation to approximately 60 attendees at the Eagles Post in Midland.

New Business:

Quarterly Payroll sent to accountant, these payments are mostly electronically filed.

Sign Contract with Integral Builders for barn roof replacement 10% down payment, Scheduled last 2 weeks of May.

Laura made the motion to go ahead with the contract and 10% down payment. Karen needs to get copy of contract and get check ready for Laura to sign.

Karen needs new board member Bios and Picture for Annual Report, Need Jan R, Cindy P and Dave R and will try to get picture next meeting.

Barn Clean up with Northwood students October 22. 4-6pm we will provide bottled water.

Nathanael received scholarship for MACD Convention

Karen and Nathanael registered for convention. Hotel rooms were approved.

HAP MOU signed.

Correspondence/Upcoming Community Activities /Advocacy

Garden Club Meeting 12:30 Location TBD -11-14, 2019

Nature Conservancy Sag. Bay Ag. Conservation Awards Banquet -12/10/19

Additions to the Agenda: Guest/Public Comment: Laura and Mary will get together and have a report on the Directors work shop for next meeting,

Adjourn: 8:20pm

Next Meeting: November 19, 2019

Approved: *Lecuce F. Mancini* Date: 11/19/19
Chairman

Approved: *Karen Thorton* Date: 11-19-19
Secretary