

**Conservation District Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Minutes Sept 17, 2019 - 7:00 PM**  
**954 Isabella Rd, Midland, MI 48640**

**Call to Order was made at 7:07**

**Roll Call:** Mary Johnson, Cindy Poole, Jan Ruhle, Dave Ruhle, Absent Laura Norcutt  
Karen Thurlow, Nathanael Gentle.

**Consent Agenda:**

Jan R. made the motion to approve the August meeting minutes, Cindy P. seconded the motion, all voted in favor.

Approval for Payment of current of bills: Payroll, MCTV User Access, Cindy P. made the motion to pay, Jan R seconded the motion, all were in favor.

**Quarterly Reviews:** Annual plan: ~~Set Annual Meeting date~~ Budget Review

**NRCS Update: Paul H. was not available to give NRCS update.**

**Administrators Report: Old Business:**

NRCS Coop Agreement updates, New modification to agreement has been approved.

NACD TA Update, report due, Karen will be working on that.

HAP Monitoring Update, one property in the county. Reports due for NRCS, NACD and HAP Tree Sale updates. We will be working on a new order form. Everything should be ready by December meeting.

Trailer Rental Program, no rentals scheduled at this time. They were used at the 4<sup>th</sup> grade farm tour.

Barn Updates: Need Approval for Address Application, Dave made the motion to go ahead on the electric application. Karen will get it sent in.

Agriscience Advisory Board update: meeting 9/10/19, Karen is currently working on the Land Lab Planning committee and the Advisory Board. We have been really busy with planning for the Land and Forest Labs.

**New Business:**

**Budget Adoption/Public Comment.** No public comment was made on the budget. Cindy P. made the motion to approve the budget, Dave motioned to second, a roll call vote was taken and all members voted to approve budget and sign Appropriations act.

Administrators working agreement approval, Mary made the motion to accept the agreement, Cindy P seconded the motion, and all voted in favor.

**Barn Roof Bids were discussed**, Karen stated that we are short of approximately \$10,000.00 to do the roof and will be writing letters to foundations and trying to get some fundraising going. It was discussed to get the electric hooked up and look for other funding. Cindy P. made the motion to accept Integral Builders Bid. And schedule it for spring. Dave R. seconded the motion, and all voted in favor. Karen will notify bidders to let them know of our decision.

**District Managers Retreat 8/19/ 2019 Advocacy**, Karen gave a brief update and explained how she was keeping track of it, also gave the board members a sheet so they could start the process and become familiar with it.

**Farm Tour Update**, we had 13 classes attend the Farm Tour. It was a nice day; our Secrets of the Soil Station was a hit with the magnifying glasses bowered from Isabella County.

Karen put a letter in the class boxes thanking them for coming and requesting a class visit and poster contest and tree give away for those classes that participated.

**Correspondence/Community Activities /Advocacy**

Administrator Evaluation- with Mary and Laura 9-9-19  
Lakeside Condo Assoc. Meeting / with CISMA,  
Info requested, Tree planting and invasive species control-12-2:30pm- 9-10-19  
Agriscience Planning Board Meeting Coleman -3:15-4:30pm 9-10-19  
Agriscience Advisory Board Meeting Coleman- 5-6pm 9-10-19  
CNC Earth Day Planning Meeting -2:00pm 9-13-2019  
MCTV Lottery 6:30pm Library -9-16-19  
Farm Tour 9:00am-1:00pm -9-17-2019  
State of the Bay Conference, Bay City- 9-26-19  
Nature Conservancy Lunch & Learn -10-8-2019  
Midland Home Builders Assoc. Chronic Wasting and wildlife habitat plots. -10-9-19  
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:**

**Adjourn:** Mary J. made the motion to adjourn at 8:30, Jan R. seconded the motion, all voted in favor.

**Next Meeting: October 15, 2019**

**Approved:** Faunce E. Nardone **Date:** 10/15/19  
**Chair**

**Approved:** Karen Thulow **Date:** 10/15/19  
**Secretary**