

Minutes April 19, 2019
Conservation District Board of Directors Meeting
954 Isabella Rd, Midland, MI 48640

Laura called meeting to order at 7:45pm, Belinda running late. Needed for quorum.

Roll Call: Mary Johnson, Laura Norcutt, Belinda Brewster,
Boyd Byelich, Karen Thurlow

Guests: Pam Hall, Jan Ruhle, Cindy Poole

Additions to the Agenda: Laura wanted to have a sign in sheet for every meeting.
Karen will prepare one for each meeting from now on.

Consent Agenda:

Approval of March meeting minutes.

Mary J. made the motion to approve the minutes for the March Meeting, Laura N. seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion passed

Approval Financial Reports: March, April

Financial reports were submitted for March and April. Mary J. made the motion to approve, Laura seconded the motion, all voted in favor, motion passed.

Approval for Payment of bills: The following bills we submitted for payment approval, Payroll, Cold Stream Farm, Boyer Nursery, MDN ad for annual meeting and election, Smith & Co. Quarterly filing fees, Fischer Insurance and the lawyer fee for looking at the purchase agreement which was voted on in March. Mary J. motioned to pay the bills, Belinda B. seconded the motion, all voted in favor, motion passed.

NRCS Update: Boyd gave a brief update as to what's happening with NRCS.

Administrators Report: See attached

Old Business:

NRCS Coop Agreement updates: Karen reports that most of the funding from the Co-Op agreement have been used. And continues with reduction of hours. 24-10 hours a week, However the Tree sale will bring extra hours.

Tree Sale update:

Tree sale is going well, lots of extra trees, Karen has been trying to sell them as much as she can.

HAP Program update: We were asked by HAP coordinator to hold off on removing the sign in station till middle of June as more funding may be available for HAP

Trailer Rental Program

Marketing updates/MCTV/Workshop: Pam Hall has started a new show called Earth News. MCD was first guest. Show available on You Tube.

NACD Technical Assistance Grant Application: We are still waiting to hear if our application has been accepted.

New Business/ Correspondence:

Annual meeting update: Budget of \$1500.00, Location Lee Township Hall, Dinner, Door Prizes. Hall is no charge. Food and speakers to be announced.

Tree Sale expenses: were approved above.

Wentworth resignation: Mary J. made the motion to accept Cal Wentworth's resignation. After last months meeting, he came to office and turned in his written resignation effective immediately. Laura N seconded the motion, Roll Call vote was taken

Mary Johnson: Yes, Laura Norcutt Yes, Belinda Brewster yes.

Motion passed 3 yes - 0 no votes. Resignation accepted, however he has not taken his petition out of running in the election

Election Update: we have a couple absentee ballots, everything is progressing as usual. Christy is staying involved.

Barn Closing update: Mary made the motion to authorize the purchase of the barn and for Laura to sign the purchase agreement when it is ready. Belinda seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Motion carried. Laura will obtain permission from the county to go on the property to get estimates for the new gate.

Guest/Public Comment:

Adjourn: Mary J. made the motion to adjourn, Laura N. seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm

**Next Meeting: Annual Meeting May 21, 2019
Lee Township Hall**

Minutes Approved: Date: 6/18/19

Lorena E. Mancini
Chair

Karen Thulow 6/18/19
Secretary