

Midland Conservation District Board of Directors Meeting

Location: District Barn 814 E. Olson Rd. Midland, MI. 48640

Meeting Minutes October 20, 2020 - 7:00 PM

Call to Order: Laura N. called the meeting to order at 7:08pm.

Roll Call: Board members Laura Norcutt, David Ruhle, Cindy Poole, Jan Ruhle, Kevin Mudd all present.

Dave Lehnert District Conservationist, John Roberts Farm Bill Assistant, Benjamin VanDyke Technical Assistant, Angela Dietrich Technical Assistant. Karen Thurlow administrator out sick.

Additions to the Agenda: Laura discussed the idea of checking into Lee Township Hall for the next meeting.

Ben took a group photo of the board members along with individual photos of each member to add to the website.

Consent Agenda:

Approval of September meeting minutes. Cindy Poole motioned to approve September minutes, Jan Ruhle seconded the motion, all voted in favor.

Approval Financial Reports: copy of FY20 Financial reports sent to board members for review. Laura Norcutt motioned to move approval to November meeting, Kevin Mudd seconded the motion.

Approval for Payment of current of bills: Bills to be approved: Payroll, MDN ad and affidavit for appropriations act \$98.50, Guiett's Portajohn \$75.00, MDARD Nursery License \$100.00, NACD Dues \$120.00, HAP quarterly payment to KT for monitoring \$321.88. Dave Ruhle motioned to pay the bills presented, Laura Norcutt seconded the motion, all voted in favor.

NRCS Report: Dave gave a brief report on what's happening with NRCS programs (report provided).

Farm Bill Assistant Report: John gave a brief report on what he has been helping Paul and Dave accomplish (report provided).

Reports from Technical Assistants Ben and Angela:

Ben gave a brief report on the CRP site visits he and Karen helped Dave with, mainly filter strips and windbreaks - also has been working on finalizing grant drafts, focus for grant money on the barn (trail, water hookup, high tunnel, paint, signage).

Angela gave a brief report on the AgLearn classes she has been working on, the other educational material Paul in Bay City has provided her with and the site visits she has been on with Jim King out of the Bay City office. Laura made mention Ben has been updating the website and asked everyone to take a look at it.

Administrators Report: Old Business: please see admin report.

Barn Update, NRCS Coop Agreement updates - NACD TA Update

CTAI grant and Audit information- HAP Monitoring Update

Tree Sale updates - Grants and Funding - Agriscience Advisory Board update

Workshop/MCTV Schedule/ Updates - Trailer Rental Program

Annual Meeting Update - Strategic Meeting Update

New Business:

New work agreements approval. Laura mentioned it has been discussed that the "Regular Hours, Employee will work 8:00am to 4:30pm" line be taken out to provide a more flexible schedule. Laura moved to have approval moved to next meeting and said she will sign contracts when she signs paychecks if need be.

Grant Application update. Ben gave update during his report.

FY 2021 Budget review. Already approved budget.

Strategic Plan discussion. Laura read over/explained Introduction, Mission Statement and Acknowledgements portion of the Strategic Plan packet provided. Laura went over each goal individually. Laura asked all board member to look over the Strategic Plan draft before next meeting and let her know their thoughts/ideas.

Correspondence/Community Activities/District Promotion and Trainings

Guest/Public Comment

Adjourn: Laura Norcutt motioned to adjourn at 7:45pm, David Ruhle seconded the motion, and all voted in favor.

Next Meeting: November 17, 2020

Approved: Laura E. Norcutt Date: 11/24/2020

Chair

Approved: David Ruhle Date: 11-24-20

Secretary