

Midland Conservation District Board of Directors Meeting

Minutes February 16, 2021 at 7:00 PM

Location: Zoom Meeting

Register in advance for this meeting: Information posted on webpage

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 947 9426 2859 Passcode: 015847

Call to Order: Laura N. called the meeting to order at 7:05pm

Roll Call: Laura Norcutt, Jan Ruhle, David Ruhle, Cindy Poole, Kevin Mudd, Karen Thurlow, Angela Dietrich, Ben VanDyke, Pam Hall, Dan Henton, Dave Lehnert.

Additions to the Agenda: N/A

Consent Agenda:

Approval of January meeting minutes; Laura N. motioned to accept; and Jan R. seconded the motion all approved.

Approval Financial Reports: January Financial report final approval; Laura N. motioned to accept, Kevin M. seconded the motion all voted in agreement.

Approval for Payment of current of bills: February Financial Report includes Payroll, Water hook up and permit,

Karen also requested approval to reorder postcards for tree sale mailing. Set a budget of \$120.00/1000 quantity ordered last time. Laura N. motioned to accept, Jan R. seconded the motion, and all voted for approval of bills presented and to order post cards.

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Staff Reports: NRCS Report: Dave L provides

Staff Reports: From Ben & Angela Cisma Report: Ben V. provides

Administrators Report: Old Business: please see admin report. Barn Update - NRCS Coop Agreement updates - NACD TA Update CTAI grant - HAP Monitoring Update Tree Sale Update - Grants and Funding - Agriscience Advisory Board update Workshop/MCTV Schedule/ Updates - Trailer Rental Program

Annual Meeting Update - Strategic Meeting Update -Advocacy and Outreach

Board reviews ALL reports before the meeting and have questions or comments ready.

New Business:

Strategic Plan Discussion: we have a meeting set up with Region 6 conservation districts On Feb. 22, 2021 Board invited to attend. ✓

Barn-Bid Update: Karen met with Integral Builders to go over adding west end stabilization and milk house improvements to have a heated room for water hook up. Dave R. motioned to move forward with the steel siding in instead of painting, Laura N. seconded the motion, and all voted in favor. Karen will schedule a meeting at the builder's convenience and invite board members to attend.

Annual Meeting and Election update: Karen shared the MDARD recommendations for holding Annual meetings and elections. Karen stated she was working on an open house that would be Covid 19 friendly. The board liked the open house ideas and the board liked the idea to keep that format and we will discuss details at the next meeting.

Correspondence/Community Activities/District Promotion and Trainings Meetings and webinars scheduled for Feb and March

Feb. 1, 2021 Karen had meeting with Agriscience we discussed the pollinator garden and met with teachers about show ideas.

Feb. 10, 2021 Staff attended NRCS Team Meeting on Soils.

Feb 11, 2021 Staff attended Conservation Desktop and CART Training

Feb. 24, 2021 Staff attended Invasive Species Staff Training on

Feb. 25, 2021 Staff attended EGLE New GIS Hub Training

March 8, 2021 Tree Therapy, Mid MI Wild Ones presentation at 6:30pm Zoom.

March 16, 2021 Board meeting and Petitions Due for election.

March 17, 2021 Beneficial Invertebrates in out soil, 2:00PM WEBINAR

March 18, 2021 MCD Trees 101 Zoom meeting 7:00pm

Additions to the Agenda: none

Guest/Public Comment Adjourn:

Pam and Dan brought up the Conservation District signs that are on the side of the road (Now entering ___ County Conservation District with logo) and was wondering if it would be possible to update them, Karen did check into it back in 2015 and thought it was not possible, permits needed etc. Kevin M. stated he would check with MDOT on that to see if it would be possible.

Meeting Adjourned: Laura motioned to adjourn meeting at 7:45, Dave R. seconded the motion, all agreed.

Next Meeting: March 16, 2021

Approved: Laecia E. Marcitt **Date:** 2/16/21
Chairman

Approved: Karen Thorton **Date:** 2-16-21
Secretary