

Conservation District Board of Directors Meeting
Approved Minutes February 18, 2020 - 7:00 PM
954 Isabella Rd, Midland, MI 48640

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm

Board Members Attending: Mary Johnson, Laura Norcutt, Cindy Poole, Jan Ruhle, David Ruhle, Guests Karen Thurlow, John Roberts, Nathanael Gentle, Belinda Brewster

Additions to the Agenda: Laura N. mentioned she would like to have a new mission statement in place for our strategic planning meeting.

Consent Agenda:

Approval of January meeting minutes. Cindy P. motioned to accept the minutes, Jan R. seconded the motion, motion carried all in favor.

Approval Financial Reports: January balanced financial report was presented to the board.

Mary J. motioned to approve the January financial report, Jan R. seconded the motion.

Approval for Payment of current of bills: See February financial Report

Payroll, 941 Tax payment \$1700.61, Accountant filing fees \$150.00, Staples workshop supplies \$42.89, Mailbox Market \$250.00, Checks from Walmart checks \$48.19, Hemp workshop Budget (\$300.00) \$100.00 gas card, \$45.00 Grace A. Dow Memorial Library. Staples \$42.89, \$300.00 worth of door prizes invoice from Craft Hemp to be reimbursed by Shimadzu donation. VanWell Nursery Fruit trees are ordered.

Cold Stream Farm and Van Well Nursery bills are pending. Will have final numbers for March Meeting.

NRCS Report: Farm Bill Roll out Meeting Nathanael prepared a report to the board on what's going on with NRCS.

Administrators Report: Old Business: please see admin report.

NRCS Coop Agreement updates: ,NACD TA Update:

HAP Monitoring Update: CTAI grant and Audit information

Tree Sale updates: Trailer Rental Program

Barn Updates, Agriscience Advisory Board update:

Workshop/MCTV Schedule/ Updates: Tree Sale Update:

Strategic Meeting Update Annual Meeting May 19, 2020

New Business: We created a new Mission Statement.

"Providing leadership to the community for responsible resource conservation practices for present and future generations".

Strategic Planning and Policy review. Meeting Date March 6, 2020 Chippewa Nature Center. Christy Roman will be the moderator, we have a list of partners, producers, and persons of interest to help, Laura will be contacting them and we will have a RSVP to help with attendance.

Barn maintenance proposals: we have 3 bids on drainage problem, Electric has been planned, just waiting to hear from them on when it can be done. Also need Trash removal, Karen will work on a schedule and has purchased a truck to help with that and moving/transporting the educational tunnels.

Budget Amendment with CTAI Grant, please see report, Mary J. motioned to accept the amended budget, Jan R. seconded the motion, all voted in favor.

Intregal Builders called to see if they could do the work sooner. It was discussed by the board and because of the electric needing to be done and the lack of funds to cover the roof it was decided to wait until the scheduled date in May, it will also be after the tree sale. Dave made the motion to wait, Jan seconded the motion, and all voted in favor of waiting.

Isabella is applying for a grant for the Chippewa Watershed project and asked if we would be a part of that. They also asked if we would be interested in helping with the electronic waste grant. Laura N. motioned to be a part of it and Mary J. seconded the motion, all voted in favor as a good working partnership and learning experience.

Dahlia Hill, Karen will be volunteering at the Hill again this year and always promotes the district when doing so.

Correspondence/Community Activities/District Promotion and Trainings

- CISMA Partner Meeting Feb. 13, 2020 10am-1pm - Canceled
- Feb 20, GAAS Audit begins
- CNC Annual Meeting 2/19/2020 3:30pm
- March 6, 2020 Strategic Meeting, Chippewa Nature Center.
- March 9, 2020 Nutrient Management Training Flint office, (date Change, was Mar. 2)
- Trees 101 Workshop scheduled for March 26, 2020, Location Grace A Dow Library Community room.
- New DC selected for our office, not sure of start date.

Additions to the Agenda: Guest/Public Comment
Laura Motioned to adjourn at 8:25pm Dave R. seconded the motion all voted infavor.
Next Meeting: April 21, 2020

Approved: Date: 3/17/2020
Chair

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Secretary