

Minutes June 18, 2019 - 7:00 PM
Conservation District Board of Directors Meeting
954 Isabella Rd, Midland, MI 48640

Call to Order: 7:05pm

Roll Call: Board Members: Laura Norcutt, Mary Johnson, Belinda Brewster, Karen Thurlow, Secretary, Boyd Byelich, NRCS DC.
Guests: David Ruhle, Cindy Poole, Jan Ruhle, Will Sears

Additions to the Agenda: None

Consent Agenda:

Approval of April meeting minutes and May Annual Meeting Review Mary J. made the motion to approve the meeting minutes and annual meeting review, Laura N. seconded the motion, all voted in favor.

Approval Financial reports for April and May Belinda B. made the motion to approve, Mary J. seconded the motion, all voted in favor.

Approval for Payment current of bills: Payroll. Belinda B. made the motion to approve payment of bills, Mary J. seconded the motion, all voted in favor.

NRCS Update: Boyd B. gave a brief update on NRCS activities and programs.
Administrators Report:

Old Business:

NRCS Coop Agreement updates: Around \$3400.00 Remains in agreement, but has been used in this quarter ending June 30, 2019, Quarter report due after end of July. Documents were submitted to Boyd on 5/3/2019 for payment of 2nd Quarter. Reimbursement due \$6919.33 was paid on May 14, 2019 Meeting with Albert Jones Area DC. July 17th to go over new funding opportunities.

Tree Sale updates: Karen reports income from tree sale was \$15391.41 and expenses were \$14,998.14, we made a profit of \$393.27. We did not make a good profit, however we made great connections with the community and a proposal for a fund raiser for the barn project from Northwood Institute. Next year will be totally different with the barn in our possession.

HAP Program: Has been discontinued in Midland County.

Trailer Rental Program: Karen took the Water Tunnel to an event at the Dow Diamond on June 6th. Little Forks provided transportation and Karen maned the tunnel with information. Karen also had the lights fixed so they could be transported safely. Got permission from the chair and used funds from budget that were set for Annual Meeting, which was under budget.

Marketing updates/MCTV/Workshop: we were highlighted on a show called Earth News.

NACD Technical Assistance Grant App. The MOA was signed, and we plan on hiring someone to start July 1st for the position.

New Business/ Correspondence:

Annual meeting election results: we had 10 absentee ballots and 9 regular ballots. Cindy Poole received 14 votes, Laura Norcutt received 14 votes, Belinda Brewster received 6 votes, Calvin Wentworth received 1 vote, David Ruhle received 11 votes, Jan Ruhle received 11 votes. A coin

toss was used to decide the tie between David and Jan, David won. These elected terms will expire 6/18/2023. New board members turned in their oath of offices and the election documents were sent, and election was certified by state on 6/14/2019.

Appointed New Board Members: positions were appointed Laura Norcutt remains Chair and Mary Johnson will be Vice Chair. and David Ruhle motioned to appoint Jan Ruhle who lost coin toss to fill Justin Pelton's position. Cindy P. seconded the motion, and all voted in favor.

Barn Closing update: Karen was at the Commissioners Meeting held today at 10:00am for the final vote to sell us the barn. Commissioners voted 5-1 on the sale. We were given a 4-week time line for closing.

TA MOA Hiring for position. Motion was made by Mary J to sign the MOA for the TA position, Laura seconded the motion, and all voted in favor. Karen will send in tomorrow and we plan on filling the position July 1, 2020

Guest/Public Comment:

Adjourn:

Next Meeting: July 16, 2019

Approved: *Loene E. Norcutt* Date: 7/16/19
Board Chair

Approved: *Karen Thulow* Date: 7/16/19
Board Secretary