Meeting Minutes August 20, 2019

Conservation District Board of Directors Meeting

954 Isabella Rd, Midland, MI 48640

**Call to Order at 7:07pm**

**Roll Call: Board Members present:**

Laura Norcutt, Mary Johnson, Cindy Poole, David Ruhle, Jan Ruhle

Others: Nathanael Gentle CD TA, Karen Thurlow Administrator.

**Additions to the Agenda: None**

**Consent Agenda:**

Approval of July meeting minutes. After review and a few corrections made by Laura N.,

Cindy P. made motion to approve minutes with corrections, Mary J. seconded the motion, all voted in favor.

Approval Financial Reports: Financial report for July was submitted and after board review Mary J. made the motion to approve financial report, Cindy P. seconded the motion, and all voted in favor.

Approval for Payment current of bills: See Aug. Financial Report

Payroll, Smith & Co Quarterly Reporting Fees-$150.00.

District Managers retreat Aug 19, $40.00,

Saginaw State of the Bay Conference Sept.26 for Karen and Nathanael to go $70.00,

Address Application fee Midland County $75.00,

Gate Supplies $253.04.

Farm Tour Donation $500.00,

CDEM Dues for Nathanael and Karen $50.00.

Locks & Brooms for Clean up budget of $50.00, and the

MACD Fall Conference Karen $270.00. and Hotel 2 nights for $85.00 each night, Will submit Application to CDEM for Nathanael G. to go. Karen will send link to board members for information/registration.

**NRCS Update:** We currently have 33 Active contracts, Last 2 months busy with new program sign ups, we have 8- Emergency EQIP, 36- CRP, 4-CSP and have done 32 field visits.

Boyd has been transferred to Onaway Co. and our acting DC is Paul Holowka from Bay City. He will try to attend meetings starting next month.

**Administrators Report:** **Old Business: See report for details.**

NRCS Coop Agreement updates

Tree Sale updates

Trailer Rental Program

NACD TA Update

Barn Updates: Need Approval for Address Application

Marketing updates/MCTV/Workshop

Agriscience Meeting Wed. July 17 Report

**New Business:**

Budget Discussions, Tentative approval proposed budget, Budget Review/Draft Appropriations Act. Laura N. will not be at September meeting and gave her approval to accept the budget as presented.

Budget Amendment/ Barn purchase was over budget by $629.38, Laura N. motion to accept the amendment, Mary J. seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken. Mary J- Yes, Laura N. -Yes, Cindy P-Yes, David R.-Yes, Jan R.-Yes

Approval for Address and Electric for barn, Karen will work on getting address for property and then contact Consumers to get Electric with an estimate on cost. Also discussed volunteers to haul junk to dump. And a porta potty for the barn property. Karen will investigate pricing.

Currently working on getting bids for roof repair. Met with 3 contractors so far.

Administrators Agreement. Needs to be approved next meeting. Laura & Mary doing eval. Date to be set (Sept 9th was stated in E-Mail from Laura, no time set.)

CISMA asked us to sign MOU, after reviewing the information sent all board members agreed that it will be a good partnership. Laura Signed Document.

Karen was approved to go to the MACD Fall Convention, Cost $270.00 plus 2 nights lodging @ $85.00 each, Also approval for payment of CDEM yearly dues for Nathanael G and Karen T.

Karen will submit a request for scholarship for Nathanael to attend the MACD Fall Conference.

**Correspondence/Community Activities**

Nature Conservancy Sag. Bay Ag. Conservation awards Banquet 12/10/19

Veterans & First Responders Recreation Day 8/17/ 2019

State of the Bay Conference 9/26/19

District Managers Retreat 8/19/ 2019 Update, Karen reported the Meeting was about Advocacy and we could plan to discuss at October Meeting since time was running long at this meeting.

**Guest/Public Comment:**

**Adjourn:** With no public or guest comment and no new business Laura N. made the motion to adjourn, Cindy P. seconded the motion, all voted in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:33pm.

**Next Meeting: September 17, 2019 Formal Budget Adoption.**