

M I N U T E S

KALKASKA CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING October 19, 2021

406 S Cedar St., Suite A, Kalkaska MI, 49646

The meeting was called to order by Chair Moses at 5:00 p.m.

Attending Directors and Staff:

Dawn Moses, Chair
John Roberts, Vice Chair
Dennis Iott, Director
Leah Grimmer, Community Outreach Specialist
Mark Randolph, District Manager

Also in attendance: Mark Gilson, Friends of Conservation

Not in attendance:

Carol Hart, Secretary/Treasurer
Sam Fahl, Director
Robert Baldwin, County Commissioner
Renee Penny, Conservation Specialist
Monica Caster, District Conservationist – USDA/NRCS
Jodi Dehate, MAEAP Technician
Larry Czelusta, FAP Forester
Jim Pawlowicz, MDARD
Marilyn Shy, Communications and Outreach Coordinator

Public Comment: none.

Compliments: Ms. Moses to Ms. Penny for continued growth of the farmer's market; and to Leah for her Farmer to Community fundraiser launch. Mr. Gilson to the volunteers and staff who helped plant trees on the Manistee with Trout Unlimited.

Disclosure of Conflict of Interest: none

Approval of Minutes: Board approved the September 30, 2021 minutes as presented.

Treasurer's Report and Payment of Bills: The board accepted the Treasurers Report for September, 2021. Motion to authorize payment of bills for October, 2021, in the amount of \$2,495.90 by Roberts, supported by Iott. Motion passed.

Staff Reports:

Mr. Czelusta submitted a written report of accomplishments through September.

Ms. Grimmer gave the board a report of activities to date.

Ms. Dehate submitted a written report of accomplishments through September.

Mr. Randolph reported briefly on upcoming meetings and events.

Commissioner Update: none.

Friends of Conservation Update: Mr. Gilson shared that the friends group board will meet for the first time on October 26.

Grants Report: DDA and Village received a ReLeaf Michigan shade tree planting grant in which the District would help plant and maintain 20 more trees in the village along the KART trail by the schools.

MACD Update: The MACD fall convention will be held remotely November 8, 9, and 10.

Business:

The board reviewed and discussed the planning and conservation delivery assessment form. The board will hold a retreat to define its vision and goals on Friday, November 5, from 4 to 7 pm at the Iott cottage on the Manistee River.

Natural River Applications: Mr. Randolph shared the general outline of two applications, UM2021012 and UM2021013.

Correspondence: none.

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted,

Mark Randolph, Recorder