

# **M I N U T E S Corrected and approved 12/20/22**

## **KALKASKA CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING November 22, 2022**

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

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

### Attending Directors and Staff:

Sam Fahl, Director  
Dawn Moses, Chair  
Dennis Iott, Director  
Robert Baldwin, commissioner liaison  
Mark Randolph, District Manager  
Renee Penny, Conservation Specialist

Also in attendance: Mark Gilson, Olivia Cotton

### Not in attendance:

Carol Hart, Secretary/Treasurer  
Monica Caster, District Conservationist – USDA/NRCS  
Seth Lanning, Huron Pines AmeriCorps member  
Larry Czelusta, FAP Forester  
Jodi Dehate, MAEAP Technician  
Jim Pawlowicz, MDARD

Public Comment: none

Compliments: Mr. Gilson to KCD for offering a variety of seedlings to diversify our forest species;  
Ms. Moses to Mr. Gilson for attending the ATREP (Assisted Tree Range Expansion Project)  
meeting to keep abreast of conservation activities in the region.

Disclosure of Conflict of Interest: none

Approval of Minutes: Board approved the October 25, 2022 minutes as presented.

Treasurer's Report and Payment of Bills: Motion by Iott, supported by Fahl to accept the Treasurers  
Report for October, 2022 and to authorize payment of bills for November, 2022, in the amount of  
\$1,420.44 and credit card payments of \$2,257.88 Motion passed.

### Staff Reports:

CAKE: Mr. Randolph reported that Lindsey Bona-Eggeman was scheduling the steering committee  
meeting for December and the CAKE annual meeting for April, 2023.

Ms. Caster provided written report on Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) and Conservation Stewardship Program (CStP) applications. EQIP cut-off is December 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
Mr. Czelusta submitted a written report of accomplishments through October.  
Ms. Dehate submitted a written report of accomplishments through October.

Commissioner Update: Mr. Baldwin updated the board on the County Recreation Plan being developed in cooperation with some of the other units of government, and that the Rugg Pond engineering report would now be released in December.

Cost Share Update: Mr. Randolph advised the board that only two of the five applicants had installed qualifying conservation practices; KCD provided all of the native wildflower seed for one, and the other has not presented receipts for partial reimbursement. The expected cost-share award outstanding upon review of receipts is \$1,000, the maximum possible, as it was a very large planting.

Farmers Market: Motion by Iott, supported by Fahl, to pay Kalkaska Farmers Market bills in the amount of \$264.51. Motion carried.

Friends of Conservation Update: Mr. Gilson informed the board the friends group staked several of the newly planted landscape shade trees, and is modifying their regular meeting schedule for winter.

Grants Report: 2023 State Operating Grant accepted by Chair Moses and supporting documents submitted, tire recycling grant applied for last month, and recent shade tree grant reporting due soon.

MACD Update: The Annual meeting and convention will be held at Shanty Creek Resort December 5, 6, and 7. Staff and directors strongly encouraged to attend.

Business: The board reviewed the proposed Community Outreach position. Motion by Fahl, supported by Iott to approve the position. Motion carried. The board will consider changing the meeting day or time to accommodate the Farmers Market time slot at its April, 2023 meeting.

Natural River Applications: none

Correspondence: none.

Meeting adjourned at 6:09 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted,  
Mark Randolph, Recorder