

MINUTES

KALKASKA CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING December 13, 2021

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:

Carol Hart, Secretary/Treasurer
Dennis Iott, Director
Dawn Moses, Chair
John Roberts, Vice Chair
Renee Penny, Conservation Specialist
Mark Randolph, District Manager
Jim Pawlowicz, MDARD

Also in attendance: Mark Gilson, Friends of Conservation representative

Not in attendance:

Sam Fahl, Director
Robert Baldwin, commissioner liaison
Larry Czelusta, FAP Forester
Monica Caster, District Conservationist – USDA/NRCS
Jodi Dehate, MAEAP Technician
Marilyn Shy, Communications and Outreach Coordinator

Public Comment: none.

Compliments: Mr. Gilson to Ms. Penny for the successful winter farmers market; Ms. Moses to former Huron Pines AmeriCorps member, Graham Parks, for his service in Kalkaska and presentation at the Library.

Disclosure of Conflict of Interest: none

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the November 19, 2021 minutes as corrected; by Roberts, supported by Iott. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report and Payment of Bills: Motion by Hart, supported by Roberts to accept the Treasurers Report for November, 2021 and to authorize payment of bills for December, 2021, in the amount of \$2,872.13 Motion passed.

Staff Reports:

Ms. Caster provided a written report.

Mr. Pawlowicz was a welcome participant in the meeting in addition to his written report.

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

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

Ms. Penny provided a written report

Mr. Randolph provided a written report

Commissioner Update: Mr. Baldwin was unable to attend.

Friends of Conservation Update: The Friends group is struggling to find convenient meeting times for the new board.

Grants Report: The board reviewed the State operating grant deliverables. Motion to amend the FY22 budget to reflect \$40,000 in grant income, and to amend the Appropriations act accordingly; by Hart, supported by Roberts. Motion passed unanimously.

MACD Update: Ms. Hart represented the District at the State Assembly earlier in the day. The State officers will remain the same as the past year.

Business:

Farmers Market: Resolution declared adopted by chair Dawn M. Moses. See attached resolution.

Equipment storage at Recycle Center: Motion to authorize Mr. Randolph to sign MoU with County to allow the district to store equipment at the recycle center; by Roberts, supported by Iott. Passed.

2022 Work Plan. The board reviewed and discussed aspects of the 3rd Draft 2022 work plan.

Natural River Applications: none.

Correspondence: A thank you card from the Kalkaska middle School 4th grade classes for the conservation tour was shared with the board and staff.

Meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted,

Mark Randolph, Recorder

<executed resolution 22-1 file attached>

Resolution 22-1

Whereas the Kalkaska Conservation District seeks to promote a robust, sustainable local food economy;
and

Whereas the Kalkaska Farmers Market provides a link between local food producers and local
consumers; and

Whereas the Kalkaska Downtown Development Authority successfully established a viable market to
encourage use of Rail Road Square; and

Whereas the Kalkaska Conservation District managed the market under a memorandum of
understanding the past two years; and

Whereas the DDA desires to apply its resources to new initiatives,

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Kalkaska Conservation District shall formally assume the responsibility
of managing the Kalkaska Farmers Market.

Motion by Roberts, supported by Hart.

Ayes: Roberts, Hart, Iott, Moses

Nays: none.

Absent: Fahl

Resolution declared adopted this 13th day of December, 2021 by



Dawn M Moses, Chair