

MINUTES

KALKASKA CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING December 20, 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:

Dawn Moses, Chair
Dennis Iott, Director
Carol Hart, Secretary/Treasurer
Monica Caster, District Conservationist – USDA/NRCS
Mark Randolph, District Manager
Renee Penny, Conservation Specialist
Jim Pawlowicz, MDARD

Also in attendance: Linda and Mark Gilson, Rick Matley, Sandy Gunning, Monty Bolis

Not in attendance:

Sam Fahl, Director
Larry Czelusta, FAP Forester
Robert Baldwin, commissioner liaison
Jodi Dehate, MAEAP Technician

Public Comment: Mr. Bolis shared his reasons for opposing the proposed expansion of Camp Grayling. Mr. Matley and Ms. Gunning also spoke in opposition to the proposed expansion.

Compliments: Messrs. Randolph, Pawlowicz and Ms. Moses complemented Mr. Gilson and Ms. Hart for their well-deserved awards at the MACD conference. Ms. Gilson to KCD for planting a variety of shade tree species in the community. Ms. Moses to KCD staff for making the KFM a success. Ms. Gunning to the KCD for growing the District and making it visible in the community. Mss. Hart and Moses to Ms. Penny and Mr. Randolph for coordinating KFM accounting. Ms. Penny to Mss. Hart and Moses for their participation in the successful CDEM silent auction at the MACD conference.

Disclosure of Conflict of Interest: none

Approval of Minutes: Board approved the November 22, 2022 minutes as corrected (to include Mr. Gilson's name in complements). Motion by Iott, supported by Hart. Passed.

Treasurer's Report and Payment of Bills: Motion by Hart, supported by Iott to accept the Treasurers Report for November, 2022 and to authorize payment of bills for December, 2022, in the amount of \$11,527.44 and credit card payments of \$1,532.45 Motion passed.

Staff Reports:

CAKE: Mr. Randolph reported that CAKE is seeking operating funds from cooperating agencies and has received several grants toward a truck for the strike team.

Ms. Caster reported on her upcoming 1/27/23 deadline. She is continuing office hours in Kalkaska each month.

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

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

Mr. Pawlowicz shared both written and verbal reports. Missaukee tractor tire collection filled two semi trailers.

Ms. Penny submitted a written report of activities in November and December.

Mr. Randolph updated the board on the coming audit and applications for the open staff position.

Commissioner Update: Mr. Baldwin had a conflicting meeting. Mr. Randolph shared that the Spicer Group would report on its Rugg Pond engineering study in January due to a change in lead staff.

Cost Share Update: Mr. Randolph advised the board that no participants had reported expenditures and that he would contact them directly.

Farmers Market: Motion by Hart, supported by Iott, to pay Kalkaska Farmers Market bills in the amount of \$46.83. Motion carried.

Friends of Conservation Update: Mr. Gilson informed the board the friends group has been quiet since the tree planting effort.

Grants Report: 2023 State Operating Grant will require reporting the first week of January.

MACD Update: The Annual meeting and convention held at Shanty Creek Resort December 5, 6, and 7 was a success. An online survey of participants is available for input to the MACD event committee. NACD has grants available to member districts (us). NRCS and Farm Bill indicate a need for districts to have conservation planning ability. The board recognized Ms. Hart for her service representing the district and MACD District 3. Ms. Moses is now the District 3 representative.

Business: The board will consider changing the meeting day or time to accommodate the Farmers Market time slot at its April, 2023 meeting. The audit will begin 12/22/22. Ms. Moses appointed Mr. Iott and Ms. Gilson to the ad hoc interview committee. Ms. Moses appointed Ms. Hart and Mr. Iott to the ad hoc Camp Grayling expansion committee, to make a recommendation to the board at the January meeting. Mr. Iott nominated Olivia Cotton to fill the vacant seat on the board. There were no other nominations. Ms. Moses appointed Olivia Cotton to the open seat on the board. The appointment was approved by voice vote.

Natural River Applications: none

Correspondence: none.

Meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted,
Mark Randolph, Recorder