

MINUTES

KALKASKA CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING February 21, 2023

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:

Olivia Cotton, Director
Dawn Moses, Chair
Sam Fahl, Director
Carol Hart, Secretary/Treasurer
Monica Caster, District Conservationist – USDA/NRCS
Mark Randolph, District Manager
Renee Penny, Conservation Specialist
Sarah Schroeder, Community Outreach Specialist

Also in attendance: Danielle Fahl

Not in attendance:

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| Director Dennis Iott, Director | Robert Baldwin, commissioner liaison |
| Larry Czelusta, FAP Forester | Jodi Dehate, MAEAP Technician |
| Jim Pawlowicz, MDARD | |

Public Comment: none

Compliments: Mr. Randolph to Ms. Schroeder for jumping right in and helping with the seedling sale postcards; Ms. Hart to Mr. Baldwin and county for fixing oversight that delayed millage payments.

Disclosure of Conflict of Interest: none

Approval of Minutes: Board approved the January 17, 2023 regular meeting minutes and February 6 special meeting minutes as presented. Motion by Fahl, supported by Hart. Passed.

Treasurer's Report and Payment of Bills: Motion by Hart, supported by Fahl to accept the Treasurers Report for January, 2023 and to authorize payment of bills for February, 2023, in the amount of \$2,897.49 and credit card payments of \$946.21. Motion passed. Motion to pay Kalkaska Farmers Market bills in the amount of \$202.50 and credit card payment of 173.87 by Fahl, supported by Cotton. Passed.

Staff Reports:

CAKE: Ms. Bonna-Eggeman provided a written report of CAKE activities.

Ms. Caster reported on her upcoming 3/3/23 deadline. 4 applications are from Kalkaska. She is continuing office hours in Kalkaska each month.

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

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

Mr. Pawlowicz – submitted a written report with items of note for Districts.

Ms. Penny reported on the National Association of Conservation Districts conference, CDEM update, and receipt of the Clean Boats, Clean Water grant she submitted.

Mr. Randolph submitted a written report which included Rugg Pond options from the Spicer Group.

Commissioner Update: Mr. Baldwin was travelling.

Cost Share Update: Ad hoc committee working on scheduling a meeting in coming weeks.

Farmers Market: Ms. Penny reported she is collecting vendor applications for the 2023 season.

Friends of Conservation Update: none.

Grants Report: 2023 State Operating Grant payments were held up due to MDARD database error. Has been corrected and payments are up to date.

MACD Update: Ms. Moses is working with others on the MACD policy manual. The state board will meet early in March. MACD legislative day is May 18. Board members encouraged to attend.

Business: The board discussed and supports the current equipment loan/use policy. Ms. Hart reported that after reviewing county minutes and speaking with the former District Manager, Russ LaRowe, the Forestry Fund is a fund of the District.

Natural River Applications: Mr. Randolph shared his understanding of the District's approach to Natural River Zoning Review vis a vis the current application.

Correspondence: none.

Meeting adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted,
Mark Randolph, Recorder