

MINUTES

KALKASKA CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING March 31, 2023

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

The meeting was called to order by Chair Moses at 9:05 a.m.
A quorum was present.

Attending Directors and Staff:

Dawn Moses, Chair
Sam Fahl, Director
Carol Hart, Secretary/Treasurer
Dennis Iott, Director
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:

Olivia Cotton, Director
Robert Baldwin, commissioner liaison
Larry Czelusta, FAP Forester Jodi Dehate, MAEAP Technician
Jim Pawlowicz, MDARD

Public Comment: none

Compliments: Mr. Gilson to KCD for the seed library; Ms. Moses to Ms. Hart for her assistance with MACD tasks; Mr. Randolph to Ms. Penny and Schroeder for working together on many fronts; Ms. Moses to Ms. Penny for getting the Clean Boats Clean Water grant.

Disclosure of Conflict of Interest: none

Approval of Minutes: Board approved the February 21, 2023 regular meeting minutes as presented. Motion by Hart, supported by Fahl. Passed.

Treasurer's Report and Payment of Bills: Motion by Fahl, supported by Hart to accept the Treasurers Report for February, 2023 and to authorize payment of bills for March, 2023, in the amount of \$6,250.87 and credit card payments of \$4115.40 Motion passed.

Staff Reports:

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

Ms. Caster reported she has 4 pre-approved plans she will bring to the board next month.

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

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

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

Ms. Penny reported on upcoming busy season; the KFM survey identified \$21,000 in sales last year.

Mr. Randolph submitted a written report and pointed out the QuickBooks accounting subscription will be more expensive.

Commissioner Update: Mr. Baldwin had a conflicting meeting.

Cost Share Update: Ad hoc committee is fine tuning the new plan based closely on Chippewa, Luce, Mackinaw CD grant program.

Farmers Market: Motion to pay Kalkaska Farmers Market bills in the amount of \$1,035.36 by Hart, supported by Iott. Passed. More than 20 vendors have signed up for 2023 summer season.

Friends of Conservation Update: Friends are getting ready to help with KCD spring activities.

Grants Report: 2023 State Operating Grant requires a 5-year plan based on last year's conservation needs assessment, approved by July. Manager will draft a plan based on current strategic plan for board review.

MACD Update: MACD legislative day is May 18. Board members are encouraged to attend.

Business: The board reviewed Ms. Hart's research of the history of the Forestry Fund. Motion by Iott, supported by Fahl, that the Forestry Fund is an asset of the Kalkaska Conservation District and shall be used for local cost share and educational purposes.

Natural River Applications: none.

Correspondence: none.

Meeting adjourned at 10:33 a.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted,
Mark Randolph, Recorder