

# MINUTES

## KALKASKA CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING May 17, 2022

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

The meeting was called to order by Chair Moses at 5:02 p.m.  
A quorum was present.

Attending Directors and Staff:

Sam Fahl, Director  
Carol Hart, Secretary/Treasurer  
Dennis Iott, Director  
Dawn Moses, Chair  
John Roberts, Vice Chair  
Robert Baldwin, commissioner liaison  
Monica Caster, District Conservationist – USDA/NRCS  
Jim Pawlowicz, MDARD  
Mark Randolph, District Manager

Also in attendance: Danielle Fahl, Mark Gilson

Not in attendance:

Seth Lanning, Huron Pines AmeriCorps member  
Renee Penny, Conservation Specialist  
Larry Czelusta, FAP Forester  
Jodi Dehate, MAEAP Technician

Public Comment: none.

Compliments: Mr. Randolph to Mr. Lanning for his detailed work creating the native wildflower and vegetable seed packets and kids day activities for the Farmers Market; Ms. Moses to Mr. Roberts and Mr. Lanning for their work on the seed library; Ms. Hart to all who worked on the Trout Fest float; Ms. Moses and Mr. Randolph to Mr. Gilson for his dedication and hard work at the seedling sale, float building, and generally being an alright guy.

Disclosure of Conflict of Interest: none

Approval of Minutes: Board approved the April 19, 2022 minutes as amended to include recognizing the NRCS report.

Treasurer's Report and Payment of Bills: Motion by Roberts, supported by Fahl to accept the Treasurers Report for April, 2022 and to authorize payment of bills for May, 2022, in the amount of \$2,176.11 and credit card payments of \$984.61 Motion passed.

Staff Reports:

Ms. Caster presented a report on programs and applications to date.

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

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

Ms. Penny submitted a written report of the many activities just past and underway.

Mr. Randolph had nothing to add to Ms. Penny's report.

Commissioner Update: Mr. Baldwin updated the board on the board's acceptance and recommendation to fund the engineering study for Rugg Pond repairs; Explained the plan to maintain the Kaliseum building; and informed us the county was seeking professional assistance to sell the annex building and recycle property sooner than later.

Friends of Conservation Update: Board will meet again on 5/18/22. Will seek 501(c)(3) status and seek to increase membership by 10%.

Grants Report: No new grants applied for by KCD, but participating in NCT trailhead project. Will add Cost Share Program as regular agenda item.

MACD Update: MACD Summer meeting will be in person in Bay City June 6,7; board members are encouraged to attend.

Business: The board established October 21, 2022 as the date of its annual meeting and election of directors. Motion by Iott, supported by Hart, to allow KFM to pay musicians each month as a post approved expense. Motion carried. Motion by Hart, supported by Fahl, to add "board member" to policy regarding reimbursements for training, travel, and meals. Motion carried.

Natural River Applications: UM2022004-V application for a variance to dredge an existing pond near Sand Creek. Mr. Randolph considers it needed maintenance of a legal nonconforming structure.

Correspondence: none

Meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted,  
Mark Randolph, Recorder