

# MINUTES

## KALKASKA CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING May 15, 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:

Dawn Moses, Chair  
Sam Fahl, Director  
Carol Hart, Secretary/Treasurer  
Dennis Iott, Director  
Olivia Cotton, Director  
Robert Baldwin, commissioner liaison  
GraceAnna Cooper, MAEAP technician  
Renee Penny, Conservation Specialist  
Jim Pawlowicz, MDARD  
Mark Randolph, District Manager  
Sarah Schroeder, Community Outreach Specialist

Also in attendance: Mark Gilson, Cameron Penny

### Not in attendance:

Monica Caster, District Conservationist – USDA/NRCS  
Larry Czelusta, FAP Forester

Public Comment: none

Compliments: Mr. Randolph to Ms. Penny for outstanding organization of the seedling sale; Mr. Gilson and Ms. Moses to all of the volunteers who helped and the purchasers of seedlings; Ms. Moses to Ms. Caster for making time for a lunch meeting. Later in the meeting Mr. Randolph to Mr. Gilson for his outstanding overhaul of the canoe trailer.

Disclosure of Conflict of Interest: none

Approval of Minutes: Board approved the April 19, 2023 regular meeting minutes as corrected (misspelling).

Treasurer's Report and Payment of Bills: Motion by Iott, supported by Hart to accept the Treasurers Report for April, 2023, and to authorize payment of bills for May, 2023, in the amount of \$6,445.68 and credit card payments of \$3695.86. Motion by Cotton, supported by Fahl to pay KFM bills of 129.99 and KFM credit card payment of 28.75. Motion carried.

Motion by Hart to authorize adding Mr. Randolph and bookkeeper Baker to our online credit card servicing account. Support by Iott. Motion carried.

Staff Reports:

CAKE: Ms. Bona-Eggeman provided a written report. CAKE will be at KFM 5/16.

Ms. Caster's written report was reviewed. She will bring conservation plans for review to the next board meeting.

Mr. Czelusta provided a written report.

Mr. Pawlowicz – submitted a written report with items of note for Districts. The manager will forward Mr. Pawlowicz's reports to the board when received instead of with meeting documents.

Ms. Penny reported on activities.

Mr. Randolph submitted a written report of activities and planning for the remainder of the year.

Ms. Schroeder shared her written report including pictures of her work with after school activities.

Commissioner Update: Mr. Baldwin asked for questions regarding county activities before leaving for another meeting at 5:20 pm.

Cost Share Update: The conservation grant program is ready for widespread promotion. Types of signs for projects were discussed. No action taken.

Farmers Market: Bingo games will be used as entertainment at KFM once a gaming license is procured.

Friends of Conservation Update: Friends are organizing an electronics recycling event.

Grants Report: There was no new grant activity, but the sign from the CWCB grant was admired.

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

Business: The board reviewed and suggested corrections and additions to the draft 5-year long-term plan. The manager will ask Katie Grzesiak if she will be our speaker at the annual meeting and election of directors to be held October 20, 2023. The board election timeline was discussed. Nominating petitions will be due to the office by August 21, 2023. The board was in consensus to leave the millage rate unchanged for the 2024 millage renewal.

Natural River Applications: An application denied in March was modified and resubmitted with the changes suggested by the board of review. Approval is expected.

Correspondence: none.

Meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted,  
Mark Randolph, Recorder