

MINUTES

KALKASKA CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING July 19, 2022

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

The meeting was called to order by Chair Moses at 5:01 p.m.
A quorum was present.

Attending Directors and Staff:

Carol Hart, Secretary/Treasurer
Dennis Iott, Director
Dawn Moses, Chair
John Roberts, Vice Chair
Monica Caster, District Conservationist – USDA/NRCS
Mark Randolph, District Manager

Also in attendance: Danielle Fahl, Mark Gilson, Carol Nelson, Marilyn _____.

Not in attendance:

Sam Fahl, Director
Robert Baldwin, commissioner liaison
Seth Lanning, Huron Pines AmeriCorps member
Larry Czelusta, FAP Forester
Jodi Dehate, MAEAP Technician
Jim Pawlowicz, MDARD
Renee Penny, Conservation Specialist

Public Comment: none

Compliments: Mr. Randolph to Mr. Gilson and Fred VanDyke for helping with the Adopt-A-Highway cleanup. Ms. Moses to Ms. Hart for her attention to financial details of District operations each month. Mr. Roberts to Mr. Lanning for his positive impact on kids through kids hikes and programming.

Disclosure of Conflict of Interest: none

Approval of Minutes: Board approved the June 21, 2022 minutes as presented.

Treasurer's Report and Payment of Bills: Motion by Roberts, supported by Hart to accept the Treasurers Report for June, 2022 and to authorize payment of bills for July, 2022, in the amount of \$2,036.94 and credit card payments of \$816.46 Motion passed.

Staff Reports:

Mr. Randolph shared his understanding of the need to financially support CAKE CISMA.

Ms. Caster is processing NRCS conservation program applications, back to "only" covering two counties, now, and will assess holding office hours in Kalkaska beginning later in the summer.

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

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

Mr. Randolph updated the board on staff led hikes and events.

Commissioner Update: no update

Friends of Conservation Update: Friends will recruit volunteers for HHW and Tire Recycling events to be held July 23 and 30th, respectively, and will meet Wednesday, July 20. Progressing toward 501(c)(3) status.

Grants Report: Tire recycling contract executed for event 7/30/22.

MACD Update: Kalkaska CD is host of this year's Region 3 meeting to be held September 7.

Directors from all districts in Region 3 are encouraged to attend. Election of State Council representatives is part of the meeting.

Farmers Market: Motion by Hart, supported by Roberts to pay Kalkaska Farmers Market bills in the amount of \$187.72. Motion carried. Mr. Randolph shared that after consultation with our CPA, one of the two signers of Farmers Market checks will be a board member per the Conservation District accounting manual.

Business: The board discussed dates and possible location for the Region 3 meeting; Discussed Camp Grayling expansion concerns. No action taken.

Natural River Applications: none

Correspondence: The board of directors of the Society of American Foresters has awarded Larry Czelusta the 2022 Presidential Field Forester Award for district 5. Congratulations, Larry for well-deserved recognition.

Meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted,
Mark Randolph, Recorder