

M I N U T E S

KALKASKA CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING August 16, 2022

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:

Carol Hart, Secretary/Treasurer
Dawn Moses, Chair
John Roberts, Vice Chair
Monica Caster, District Conservationist – USDA/NRCS
Mark Randolph, District Manager
Renee Penny, Conservation Specialist

Also in attendance: Mark Gilson

Not in attendance:

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

Public Comment: none

Compliments: Mr. Gilson and Mr. Randolph to the staff and volunteers who helped with HHW and the tire recycling events for exceptional and outstanding effort on two hot days.

Disclosure of Conflict of Interest: none

Approval of Minutes: Board approved the July 19, 2022 minutes as corrected (attendance).

Treasurer's Report and Payment of Bills: Motion by Roberts, supported by Hart to accept the Treasurers Report for July, 2022 and to authorize payment of bills for August, 2022, in the amount of \$37,836.45 and credit card payments of \$604.31 Motion passed.

Motion to amend FY22 budget (see attached), and to amend the appropriations act accordingly, by Hart, supported by Roberts. Motion Carried.

Resolution to amend the Kalkaska Conservation District 2022 Appropriations Act to include amended budget (see attached). Resolution moved by Roberts, supported by Hart. Ayes: Hart, Roberts, Moses; Nays, none; Absent: Fahl, Iott. Chair Moses declared the resolution adopted.

Staff Reports:

Ms. Caster reported she is processing NRCS conservation program applications and contracts; and will hold a community round table with us to collect and develop priority resource concerns.

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

Ms. Dehate submitted a written report of accomplishments through July, and shared farm emergency topics she helps address.

Ms. Penny shared successes with KFM, HHW, tire recycling, and community hikes and canoe events.

Mr. Randolph reported HHW was unexpectedly successful and so cost \$11,000 more than budgeted. Similarly, KFM accounting is substantial week to week, so an increase in audit and accounting line items for the FY23 budget would be prudent. He shared information on agroforestry and local efforts to promote homestead and small farm knowledge.

Commissioner Update: Mr. Randolph reported Mr. Baldwin expressed interest on behalf of the commissioners to explore an arrangement (purchase or lease) for the District to utilize the former Recycle Center.

Friends of Conservation Update: Mr. Gilson announced Friends had submitted their 501(c)(3) application.

Grants Report: KCD is participating with the DDA's new shade tree planting grant from the Consumers Energy Foundation. We will help plant 14 trees: five in the village and nine along Dresden street along the KART trail.

MACD Update: 3 million dollars for CDs was in the budget signed by the governor. Region 3 meeting will be at A Yak or 2 Ranch. Dawn has agreed to be nominated to represent the region on the State council.

Farmers Market: Motion by Hart, supported by Roberts to pay Kalkaska Farmers Market bills in the amount of \$43.80. Motion carried. The market is visited by 250 people per week.

Business: The board discussed FY23 budget adjustments. The budget hearing will be held at the September board meeting.

Natural River Applications: none

Correspondence: none

Meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted,
Mark Randolph, Recorder