

MINUTES

KALKASKA CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING August 21, 2023

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

The meeting was called to order by Director Iott at 5:00 p.m.
A quorum was present.

Attending Directors and Staff:

Olivia Cotton, Director
Carol Hart, Secretary/Treasurer
Dennis Iott, Director
Jim Pawlowicz, MDARD
Mark Randolph, District Manager

Also in attendance: Mark Gilson

Not in attendance:

Sam Fahl, Director
Dawn Moses, Chair
Larry Czelusta, FAP Forester
Robert Baldwin, commissioner liaison
Monica Caster, District Conservationist – USDA/NRCS
Renee Penny, Conservation Specialist
Sarah Schroeder, Community Outreach Specialist

Public Comment: none

Compliments: Mr. Gilson to staff and volunteers for helping with HHW recycling event.

Disclosure of Conflict of Interest: none

Approval of Minutes: Board approved the July 17, 2023 regular meeting minutes as presented.

Treasurer's Report and Payment of Bills: Motion by Hart, supported by Cotton to accept the Treasurers Report for July, 2023, and to authorize payment of bills for August, 2023, in the amount of \$1,392.23, credit card payment of \$514.98 and KFM credit card in the amount of \$79.98; Motion carried.

Commissioner Update: Mr. Baldwin was out of town.

Business: The board reviewed and discussed the third draft proposed FY24 budget. Motion by Cotton, supported by Hart, to adopt the draft FY24 budget. The draft budget will be the subject of a public hearing at the September board meeting.

The board reviewed and discussed MDARD 2023 operations review documents. Mr. Pawlowicz provided assistance and perspective to the board. The manager shall submit the completed forms to MDARD.

Staff Reports:

Mr. Czelusta provided a written report.

Ms. Schroeder provided a written report including pictures of her work with school groups and community events.

Farmers Market: The market is performing well.

Friends of Conservation Update: Friends are researching and organizing an electronics recycling event. There are several models of how a collection can be done. Will meet Wednesday, August 23.

Grants Report: FY23 tire recycling grant has been completed and closed. FY24 grant application period is open. We are waiting to see if Clearwater Township wants us to include a collection for them in our application, or if they wish to apply themselves.

MACD Update: MACD Region 3 meeting is September 14 at Shady Lane Cellars.

Natural River Applications: Mr. Randolph gave an overview of a request to install a new septic drain field on a property along Dutch John Rd.

Correspondence: The North Country Trail Association notified Ms. Penny that she has been chosen the Friend of the Trail award for 2023. The award will be presented in NY on September 28.

Meeting adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted,
Mark Randolph, Recorder