

# MINUTES

## KALKASKA CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING September 20, 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  
Robert Baldwin, commissioner liaison

Also in attendance: Mark Gilson, William Winninger

Not in attendance:

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

Public Comment: none

Compliments: Ms. Hart to KCD and Friends for holding our first Fall Native plant sale; Dawn to KCD staff for organizing the MACD Region 3 meeting; Mr. Randolph and Ms. Hart to Mr. Gilson for his volunteer work watering KART trail trees; Ms. Moses to the Farmers Market effort making it a vibrant space each week.

Disclosure of Conflict of Interest: none

### BUDGET HEARING

Chair Moses called the public hearing to order at 5:03 pm  
Mr. Randolph presented the final draft 2023 budget.  
Chair Moses closed the public hearing at 5:15 pm.

Motion to adopt the proposed 2023 budget by Roberts, supported by Hart. Motion passed.

Motion to adopt the Kalkaska Conservation District 2023 Budget Appropriations Act Resolution; by Hart, supported by Roberts.

AYES: Hart, Moses, Roberts; NAYS: None. ABSENT: Fahl, Iott.

Chair Moses declared the resolution adopted.

Approval of Minutes: Board approved the August 16, 2022 minutes as presented.

Treasurer's Report and Payment of Bills: Motion by Hart, supported by Roberts to accept the Treasurers Report for August, 2022 and to authorize payment of bills for September, 2022, in the amount of \$9,871.59 and credit card payments of \$934.16 Motion passed.

Staff Reports:

Ms. Bona-Eggeman provided a written report on CAKE activities.

Ms. Caster reported she held a community round table to collect and develop priority resource concerns, and is working toward end of fiscal year deadlines.

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

Ms. Dehate submitted a written report of accomplishments through August

Mr. Randolph shared a draft new project evaluation rubric which assesses value and cost of proposed projects. Motion by Roberts to approve the rubric. Supported by Hart. Motion passed.

Commissioner Update: Mr. Baldwin reported the Rugg Pond engineering study is going well. The commissioners are willing to consider a proposal from the District for disposition of part of the former Recycle Center.

Friends of Conservation Update: Mr. Gilson announced Friends had received their 501(c)(3) status from the IRS. Friends volunteers are helping the District water trees and at the native plant sale.

Grants Report: KCD will assist the DDA to plant 15 trees: five in the village and ten along Dresden street along the KART trail on Saturday, October 8. On the 6<sup>th</sup> we will plant 6 shade trees on the Commission on Aging campus at their request. State operating grant reporting due the first week of October. Next year's State appropriation will have new planning requirements for Districts.

MACD Update: The Region 3 meeting was attended by 24 people representing Antrim, Benzie, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska and Leelanau CDs. Dawn Moses was elected Region 3 representative to the MACD State Council. MACD desires to see more director participation in conferences and training.

Farmers Market: Motion by Hart, supported by Roberts to pay Kalkaska Farmers Market bills in the amount of \$56.54 and Credit Card charges of \$60.41. Motion carried.

Business: KCD annual meeting will be held Friday, October 21 at the Taffeltown event center on M-66. Anticipated cost-share expense is \$4,000.

Natural River Applications: none

Correspondence: none

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted,  
Mark Randolph, Recorder