

MINUTES

KALKASKA CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING October 16, 2023

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

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

Attending Directors and Staff:

Dawn Moses, Chair
Olivia Cotton, Director
Carol Hart, Secretary/Treasurer
Sam Fahl, Director
Dennis Iott, Director
Robert Baldwin, commissioner liaison
Monica Caster, District Conservationist – USDA/NRCS
Mark Randolph, District Manager
Renee Penny, Conservation Specialist
Lucas Santore, MAEAP Technician

Also in attendance: Mark Gilson, Danielle Fahl, Cameron Penny

Not in attendance:

Larry Czelusta, FAP Forester
Sarah Schroeder, Community Outreach Specialist
Jim Pawlowicz, MDARD

Public Comment: none

Compliments: Mr. Gilson to all of the people involved in Clearwater Township's ReLeaf tree planting day October 7th. Many hands made light work on a cold, wet day. Mr. Iott to Ms. Schroeder and teachers for a well-executed conservation field day tour.

Disclosure of Conflict of Interest: none

Approval of Minutes: Board approved the September 25, 2023 regular meeting minutes. Motion by Iott, supported by Hart. Passed.

Treasurer's Report and Payment of Bills: Motion by Fahl, supported by Cotton to accept the Treasurers Report for September, 2023, and to authorize payment of bills for October, 2023, in the amount of \$24,497.65, credit card payment of \$337.62 and KFM credit card in the amount of \$3.00; Motion carried.

Commissioner Update: Mr. Baldwin updated the board on progress on the Kaliseum pool removal, the renewed administrator search, and Rugg Pond improvement funding search.

Business: The board reviewed possible uses and means of acquiring the snow packers club property on Island Lake Rd. Motion by Hart, supported by Cotton, to form a committee consisting of Messrs. Randolph, Iott and Fahl to draft a proposal for the village. Motion carried.
The board reviewed the Spencer pollinator grant request. Item tabled.

Staff Reports:

Ms. Bonna-Eggman provided a written report. Mr. Randolph apprised the board of her resignation.
Mr. Czelusta provided a written report.

Ms. Caster shared another EQIP deadline is coming on 11/17.

Mr. Santore introduced himself to the board.

Mr. Pawlowicz provided a written report for September.

Farmers Market: Ms. Penny reported that the farmers market is doing well, and with summer done and darkness coming earlier the market hours will become 2-5 starting in November.

Friends of Conservation Update: Friends were not funded for the e-waste recycling grant, but are undaunted. They will have their board elections at our annual meeting.

Grants Report: FY23 State operations grant reporting is complete.

MACD Update: no report this month.

Natural River Applications: none

Correspondence: none

Meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted,
Mark Randolph, Recorder