

# MINUTES

## KALKASKA CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING November 20, 2023

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:

Dawn Moses, Chair  
Olivia Cotton, Director  
Carol Hart, Secretary/Treasurer  
Dennis Iott, Director  
Monica Caster, District Conservationist – USDA/NRCS  
Mark Randolph, District Manager  
Sarah Schroeder, Community Outreach Specialist

Also in attendance: Mark Gilson.

Not in attendance:

Sam Fahl, Director  
Robert Baldwin, commissioner liaison  
Renee Penny, Conservation Specialist  
Larry Czelusta, FAP Forester  
Jim Pawlowicz, MDARD  
Lucas Santore, MAEAP Technician

Public Comment: none

Compliments: Mr. Randolph and Ms. Moses to Ms. Hart for her attention to her role as Treasurer. Mr. Randolph to Friends of Conservation for piggybacking their annual meeting with KCD's. Ms. Moses to Ms. Schroeder for jumping into her role and bringing so many attractive conservation events to the community. Ms. Hart to KCD staff for organizing a great annual meeting.

Motion by Hart, supported by Iott, to establish the Friday after the October board meeting as the day of future annual meetings. Motion carried.

Disclosure of Conflict of Interest: none

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

ELECTION of OFFICERS. The slate of Moses, Chair, Iott, Vice Chair, and Hart as Treasurer was nominated. No other nominations were proposed. Motion by Cotton, supported by Iott. The slate was elected by unanimous roll call vote. Fahl absent.

Treasurer's Report and Payment of Bills: Motion by Iott, supported by Cotton to accept the Treasurers Report for October, 2023, and to authorize payment of bills for November, 2023, in the amount of \$4068.34, credit card payment of \$2147.43; and KFM bills \$271.65 plus the KFM credit card in the amount of \$235.92; Motion carried.

Commissioner Update: Mr. Baldwin was unable to attend the meeting.

Business: The board directed the manager to explore with the Village of Kalkaska means of acquiring the snow packers club property on Island Lake Rd. The board directed the manager to draft proposed amendments to the current and 5-year business plans for board review at the December meeting.

Staff Reports:

Mr. Kyle Williams is the new CAKE CISMA coordinator as part of his Project Manager position at ACD.

Mr. Czelusta provided a written report.

Mr. Pawlowicz provided a written report for October.

Farmers Market: Ms. Penny was out of town.

Friends of Conservation Update: Friends felt combining annual meetings was productive, acquired new volunteers and has a stable board. Will meet again after the new year.

Grants Report: The board reviewed FY24 State operations grant reporting requirements.

MACD Update: State Council meeting is at Shanty Creek in conjunction with the MACD winter conference. Board discussed membership rates.

Natural River Applications: none

Correspondence: NACD requested we renew our membership, which the board approved in payment of bills.

Meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted,  
Mark Randolph, Recorder