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Dickinson Conservation District BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Thursday March 18, 2021 | 5:00 pm (CT)
VIA: Zoom

MINUTES

Date Approved: 21 April 21 Signed By: [Signature]

- 1) WELCOME/CALL TO ORDER: Board Chair, William Rice, called the meeting to order at 5:20 pm. Board members in attendance were Mark Rossato and Kurt Lehmann. Board members absent were Sarah Blanzly and Sue Pope. Also, in attendance was Lindsay Peterson (WRISC). M. Rossato called in from Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, MI. B. Rice called in from Kingsford, Dickinson County, MI. K. Lehmann called in from Ft. Lauderdale, Broward County, FL.
- 2) APPROVAL OF AGENDA: K. Lehmann moved to accept the meeting agenda as presented. M. Rossato supported. Motion carried.
- 3) PUBLIC COMMENT: None
- 4) APPOINT TREASURER'S POSITION: B. Rice alerted the Board that S. Blanzly would be taking over the Treasurer's position on the Board, but that appointing her would be postponed until S. Blanzly could be present. He also thanked M. Rossato for stepping up to be Vice Chair.
- 5) CONSENT AGENDA: The consent agenda, containing the following items, was presented. M. Rossato moved to accept the consent agenda as presented. K. Lehmann supported. Motion carried.
 - a) Meeting Minutes of February 18, 2021
- 6) OLD BUSINESS:
 - a. Vehicle Purchase: A. Butterfield pointed out that in 2019 it was voted that the DCD could purchase a vehicle for the staff, and that it was determined at \$12,000 without a loan and \$20,000 with a loan, but the purchase had been put on hold due to COVID-19. A. Butterfield wanted to notify the Board that the staff would be looking into purchasing a vehicle again. M. Rossato offered to find a

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contact at Town and Country if the District wanted to go that route. A. Butterfield inquired whether WRISC could be responsible for paying the vehicle insurance. After much discussion K. Lehmann motioned to re-approve the purchase of a vehicle at the set amounts but that the responsibility for insurance payments would be tabled for further discussion. M. Rossato supported. Motion carried.

7) NEW BUSINESS

a. WRISC Memorandum of Understanding: A. Butterfield informed the Board that the MOU for WRISC was due to be signed for renewal. K. Lehmann stated that he would like to read the MOU prior to voting for its signature. A. Butterfield said she would send the Board the document the following day and that the vote for signature would be on the April agenda.

b. USDA Signage: A. Butterfield notified the Board that the USDA sign in front of the building needed to be replaced and due to several circumstances, the District was being asked to pay for the new sign. After a lengthy discussion, A. Butterfield stated that she would speak with T. Berndt regarding the sign and its costs and present this information to the Board.

8) REPORTS:

a) Finance Committee Report:

a. Approval of Treasurer's Report: The Board reviewed the financial documents presented from February. A. Butterfield stated that S. Blanzky had reviewed the treasurer's packet with A. Hruska and had signed it. M. Rossato moved to place the Treasurer's Report on file. K. Lehmann supported. Motion carried.

b. Approval of Bills: Upon review of the bills, K. Lehmann moved to accept the Approval of Bills. M. Rossato supported. Motion carried.

b) Administrative Report:

a. Grants Update: A. Butterfield updated the Board that the DCD would start reporting on grants at the end of March, and that the grants had been going smoothly.

b. Sales/Projects: Spring Tree Sale: A. Butterfield informed the Board that the Spring Tree Sale was still doing well, and they had begun turning some of their ordered stock, back. She confirmed that full payment to nurseries had not been made but would be within the next couple of weeks.

c) Partner Reports:

a. FAP: A. Butterfield notified the Board that A. Walker was absent from the meeting due to the Chainsaw Training she had involved with. The Board reviewed the report provided by A. Walker.

b. NRCS: None; K. Lehmann requested that reports be more aimed at the accomplishments of their goals.



c. WRISC: L. Peterson updated that WRISC had begun to hire their summer staff and would be offering positions to the interviewers the following day.

d. MDARD: The Board reviewed the monthly report submitted by R. Guth.

9) MEETING REPORTS: B. Rice spoke about his MACD meeting; K. Lehmann spoke about his regional meeting.

10) RESOURCE ISSUES: None

11) BOARD PRIVILEGE: K. Lehmann stated that he isn't trying to be critical but is trying to create improvement within the District.

12) ADJOURN: Next meeting May 15, 2021 @ 5pm. M. Rossato moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 pm. K. Lehmann supported. Motion carried, meeting adjourned.

Minutes compiled and submitted by A. Butterfield.



