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Dickinson Conservation District BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Thursday May 20, 2021 | 5:00 pm (CT)
VIA: Zoom

MINUTES

Date Approved: _____ Signed By: _____

- 1) WELCOME/CALL TO ORDER: Chairman, Bill Rice, called the meeting to order at 5:02 pm. Board members in attendance were Sarah Blanzky and Mark Rossato. Board member absent were Kurt Lehmann and Sue Pope. Also, in attendance was Amy Walker (FAP). B. Rice called in from Kingsford, MI. M. Rossato called in from Iron Mountain, MI. S. Blanzky called in from Iron Mountain, MI.
- 2) APPROVAL OF AGENDA: S. Blanzky moved to accept the meeting agenda as presented, with the addition of Forester Resignation as line item 5c., and the European Frogbit Contract as line item 5d. M. Rossato supported. Motion carried.
- 3) PUBLIC COMMENT: None
- 4) CONSENT AGENDA: The consent agenda, containing the following items, was presented. M. Rossato moved to accept the consent agenda as presented. S. Blanzky supported. Motion carried.
 - a) Meeting Minutes of April 15, 2021
- 5) NEW BUSINESS:
 - a. Dickinson County Fair 2021: A. Butterfield informed the Board that she had received an inquiry from the Dickinson County Fair Board about their plan to attend the 2021 County Fair. A. Butterfield spoke that she had discussed the participation in the county fair with the office staff and there was hesitation given, due to COVID 19. After some discussion, it was determined, by the Board, that the DCD would respond that at this time, they would not participate in the Dickinson County 2021 Fair, but with changing restrictions, they may consider participating in the upcoming months.

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b. COVID Policy: A. Butterfield informed the Board that a COVID Policy was required to be on file at the office, and with the Summer Staff now working full time, she thought it best to have the policy finalized. After reviewing the document, M. Rossato moved to accept the COVID Policy. S. Blanzly supported. Motion carried.

c. Forester Resignation: A. Butterfield notified the Board that A. Walker had placed her formal resignation. A. Walker spoke that she appreciated her time with the DCD, but the job just wasn't what she thought it would be. After further discussion S. Blanzly moved to accept Amy Walker's Letter of Resignation. M. Rossato supported. Motion carried.

d. European Frogbit Contract: A. Butterfield alerted the Board that they had received a contract from UP RC&D, for the surveying and treating of European Frogbit, and explained its terms and conditions. M. Rossato moved to accept and sign the contract. S. Blanzly supported. Motion carried.

6) REPORTS:

a) Finance Committee Report:

- a. Approval of Treasurer's Report: The Board reviewed the financial documents presented from April. S. Blanzly moved to place the Treasurer's Report on file. M. Rossato supported. Motion carried.
- b. Approval of Bills: After reviewing the bills from March and April, M. Rossato moved to have the Approval of the Bills placed on file. S. Blanzly supported. Motion carried.

b) Administrative Report:

- a. Grants Update: A. Butterfield informed the Board that the outstanding reimbursement from HWA had been paid earlier that week. She stated that the grants were going smoothly and work on them was in full swing.
- b. Sales/Projects: Spring Tree Sale: A. Butterfield updated the Board that bills were still being paid for the 2021 Spring Tree Sale. She stated that it was estimated that the net income would be about \$30,000. She explained the handlings between the DCD and the nurseries, and that things were being documented for a smoother tree sale the following year.

c) Partner Reports:

- a. FAP: A. Walker explained to the Board that she was working to leave things as complete as possible for the next forester. She stated that she wanted to make the transition smooth for the new forester and easier than when she had arrived. She wrapped up her report by informing the Board that she would meet with the new forester to provide a little training for them.



- b. NRCS: None
- c. WRISC: A. Butterfield informed the Board that WRISC was currently getting their field season going and the Strike Team was working full time.
- d. MDARD: The Board reviewed the monthly report provided by R. Guth

9) MEETING REPORTS: B. Rice spoke about his meeting for MACD, and the importance of securing stable funding for conservation districts.

10) RESOURCE ISSUES: None

11) BOARD PRIVILEGE: S. Blanzzy and M. Rossato acknowledged the hard work done for a successful tree sale. M. Rossato and B. Rice thanked A. Walker for her work at the DCD.

12) ADJOURN: Next meeting June 17, 2021 @ 5pm. S. Blanzzy moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:54 pm. M. Rossato supported. Motion carried, meeting adjourned.

Minutes compiled and submitted by A. Butterfield.

