

Dickinson Conservation District

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Thursday March 21st, 2024 | 3:30 PM (CT)

MINUTES

Date Approved: 16 May 24 Signed By: 

1. WELCOME/CALL TO ORDER: K. Lehmann called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM. Board members in attendance were Kurt Lehmann, Mark Hansch, Mark Rossato, and Sue Pope. Also in attendance were Amber Butterfield (DCD), Andrew Finkel (DCD), Lindsay Peterson (WRISC), Rachael Guth (MDARD), and Alex Manier.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: M. Hansch moved to accept the agenda, seconded by M. Rossato. The motion passed unanimously.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

a. MINUTES OF JAN AND FEB MEETINGS: M. Hansch moved to accept the minutes, seconded by S. Pope. The motion passed unanimously.

b. FINANCE COMMITTEE:

i. APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT: M. Rossato moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by M. Hansch. The motion passed unanimously.

ii. DISCRETIONARY SPENDING: A. Butterfield stated that she purchased (for \$115) and completed an "introduction to lakes" course.

iii. APPROVAL OF BILLS: S. Pope motioned to accept the bills, seconded by M. Hansch. The motion passed unanimously.

c. FUNDRAISING: A. Finkel presented on the Spring Tree Sale Fundraiser.

6. OLD BUSINESS

a. AUDIT: A. Butterfield presented the (satisfactory) findings of the financial audit. No vote was taken.

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. MASTER AGREEMENT - WRISC: L. Peterson presented a draft Master Agreement between DCD and WRISC. L. Peterson stated that the WRISC board has recommended this draft for

approval. M. Rossato moved to accept the agreement, seconded by M. Hansch. The motion passed unanimously.

b. REDUCED STATE FUNDING: R. Guth presented on the prospective changes in funding from MDARD to the DCD. MDARD has not reached a final decision at this time. No vote was taken.

c. MILLAGE: R. Guth informed the board that millages are only available on even-numbered years. No vote was taken.

d. WILDLIFE UNLIMITED: A. Butterfield stated that Wildlife Unlimited will have a grant to combat invasive milfoil. Wildlife Unlimited wants us to speak on their behalf. A Butterfield wrote a letter of support for Wildlife Unlimited's milfoil control project. No vote was taken.

e. APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM BOARD MEMBER (ALEX MANIER): M. Hansch moved to appoint A. Manier to the DCD Board as an interim member, seconded by M. Rossato. The motion passed unanimously. A. Manier accepted the appointment.

8. REPORTS

a. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

i. GRANTS: A. Butterfield gave updates on the status of the grants. The DCD has been awarded a new grant from the Wildflower Association of Michigan to plant a rain garden at Lake Antoine Park.

ii. OPERATIONS UPDATE: A. Butterfield presented on District operations.

b. PARTNER REPORTS

i. FAP: A. Butterfield presented the FAP report.

ii. WRISC: A. Butterfield presented the WRISC report.

iii. MDARD: R. Guth presented the MDARD report. R. Guth presented on the rules district foresters must follow.

iv. PRODUCE SAFETY: A. Butterfield presented the Produce Safety report.

v. NRCS: None.

vi. MAEAP: A. Butterfield presented the MAEAP report.

9. MEETING REPORTS: K. Lehmann updated the board on the meetings he participated in (Region 1, Legislative Days).

10. RESOURCE ISSUES: None.

11. BOARD PRIVILEGE: None.

12. ADJOURN: M. Hansch moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by M. Rossato. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 5:19 PM.