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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Thursday July 15, 2021 | 5:00 pm (CT)

MINUTES

Date Approved: _____ Signed By: _____

- 1) WELCOME/CALL TO ORDER: Chairman, Bill Rice, called the meeting to order at 4:59 pm. Board members in attendance were Mark Rossato, Kurt Lehmann (until 5:20 pm), and Sue Pope. Absent was Sarah Blanzky. Also, in attendance was Amber Butterfield (DCD).
- 2) APPROVAL OF AGENDA: M. Rossato moved to accept the meeting agenda as presented. S. Pope supported. Motion carried.
- 3) PUBLIC COMMENT: None
- 4) CONSENT AGENDA: The consent agenda, containing the following items, was presented. S. Pope moved to accept the Board Meeting minutes as presented. K. Lehmann supported. Motion carried. S. Pope moved to accept the Closed Session Meeting minutes as presented. M. Rossato supported. Motion carried.
 - a) Meeting Minutes of June 17, 2021
 - b) Closed Session Minutes of June 17, 2021
- 5) NEW BUSINESS:
 - a. Forester Hire: A. Butterfield gave a quick update that the forester they had interviewed had accepted a position with another conservation district, and that the position was being re-opened. The Board gave insight on the outlets that A. Butterfield could pursue regarding finding a forester.
 - b. 5-Year Timeline: A. Butterfield presented the Board with the timeline that was devised in accomplishing a 5-year plan for the DCD. A discussion was had on the route the timeline
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followed, M. Rossato and K. Lehmann volunteered to be on the 5-year planning committee, and Board members would look through their files to find the latest 5-year plan.

6) OLD BUSINESS

a. Wage Implementation: A. Butterfield presented the Board with a break down of the impacts that the new wage implementation would have on the DCD. She pointed out where adjustments would need to be made but stated that she was optimistic that the DCD would be able to handle to change, if treated carefully.

b. Office Signage: A. Butterfield discussed with the Board the signage for the office. The Board stated they had spoken with T. Berndt and that they would approve the sign at the August meeting if presented with additional quotes.

c. Operations Review: A. Butterfield notified the Board that she had held all four Operations Reviews with MDARD. A discussion was had about the results as A. Butterfield highlighted some areas that she thought needed addressing. The discussion was wrapped up with a plan to move forward and implement some of the changes that were discussed.

7) REPORTS:

a) Finance Committee Report:

a. Approval of Treasurer's Report: The Board deferred the Approval of the Treasurer's Report until the August Board Meeting to allow the S. Blanzky, who was out of town, time to review the packet.

b. Approval of Bills: The Board reviewed the check register from May and June. They inquired about the voided checks. A. Butterfield explained the issues that the DCD had in the past two months. After further discussion M. Rossato moved to place the Bills on file. S. Pope supported. Motion carried.

b) Administrative Report:

a. Grants Update: A. Butterfield notified the Board that they had just recently reported on all the grants and they were waiting on reimbursements. She stated that EPA and FAP had already supplied their reimbursements.

c) Partner Reports:

a. FAP: None

b. NRCS: None

c. WRISC: None



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

8) MEETING REPORTS: S. Pope inquired whether A. Butterfield had talked with MAEAP technician and that it may be beneficial to get in touch with them. B. Rice discussed his phone call with the chair of MACD and his intent to participate in the MACD Fall Conference.

9) RESOURCE ISSUES: None

10) BOARD PRIVILEGE: None

11) ADJOURN: Next meeting August 19, 2021 @ 5pm. S. Pope moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:26 pm. M. Rossato supported. Motion carried, meeting adjourned.

Minutes compiled and submitted by A. Butterfield.

