



CLINTON CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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MINUTES BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Tuesday, March 22, 2022 8:30 am

Board of Commissioners Room, Clinton County Building
100 E State Street, St Johns MI 48879

Directors Present:

Gary Boersen
Jim Graham, Vice-chair
Elaine Brown, Treasurer
John Schulz

Staff Present:

Kurt Wolf
Katie Hafner
Adelyn Geissel
Jessica Short
Cheyanne Bartholomew
Jill Detwiler
Rebekah Faivor
Joe Woodruff, NRCS District Conservationist

Others Present:

Kyle Thornton, Clinton Co. Parks & Greenspace Commission
Jack Knorek, MDARD

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER by J. Graham at 8:30 AM.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – *G Boersen made a motion to approve agenda as amended. J. Schulz supported the motion. Motion carried.*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Regular Meeting Minutes, February 2022 – *E. Brown moved to approve the regular meeting minutes. J. Schulz supported the motion. Motion carried.*

FINANCIAL REPORTS

1. Balance Sheet, Profit and Loss Statement for January and YTD, January Transactions; Check Detail and Credit Card Detail (paid) – **ACTION ITEM**
2. Approval of Expense Checks, March payables – **ACTION ITEM**

E. Brown moved to approve Financial Reports 1. and 2. as presented. G. Boersen supported the motion. Motion carried.

OTHER AGENCY – *K. Thornton gave an update on the Clinton Co. Parks & Greenspace Commission. Site assessment was done on Dewitt Property. Clinton Lakes is looking to hire park rangers. J. Knorek highlighted item #2 on the MDARD Partner Report for March, looking to schedule meeting with K. Wolf and A. Polverento.*

STAFF REPORTS – *NRCS and staff provided written and verbal reports.*

MACD UPDATE – *E. Brown provided an update. MACD Legislative Day Lunch and Learn at the Capitol on May 19, 11am-2pm and MACD summer conference June 6-7*

NEW BUSINESS

1. New Executive Director – **ACTION ITEM** – *Motion made by E. Brown to hire Kurt Wolf for the position of Executive Director of the Clinton Conservation District at a rate of \$27/hour, with a start date of March 28, 2022, as outlined in the work agreement, and further, that the Board directs Kurt to complete and submit the requisite forms to MSU Federal Credit Union and Huntington Bank for “responsible individual” signatory status and to obtain a District credit card. J. Schulz supports the motion. Motion carried. Motion made by E. Brown to withdraw the bank signatory authority with MSU Federal Credit Union and Huntington Bank of Kelcie Sweeney and to update all accounts accordingly. J. Schulz supports the motion. Motion carried.*
2. Brainstorm for \$40,000– **ACTION ITEM** – *A subcommittee was created to bring proposals ideas for the MDARD Operations Grant to the next meeting. Members of the subcommittee included G Boersen and J. Schulz. Motion made by E. Brown to authorize up to \$1,000 to help farmers who attend the April 12th Cover Crop meeting to submit cover crop testing for biomass samples. G Boersen supports the motion. Motion carried.*
3. Arbor Day for 4th Graders Budget Request – **ACTION ITEM** – *Rebekah Faivor presented a proposal on partnering with MUCC, DNR, Arbor Day Alliance to put together a field trip for St Johns 4th graders to plant a wind break at the Maple River State Game Area. Four classroom-based programs would like to plant a tree on campus. Motion made by G Boersen to support the Arbor Day for 4th Graders Budget Request of \$609.00 to come from the MDARD Operations Grant. E. Brown supports the motion. Motion carried.*

OLD BUSINESS

1. Strategic Plan – *No new information was provided. Discussion will continue at later meeting once new Executive Director is in place to address the plan.*

CORRESPONDENCE

1. PA 116 Farmland Application #2022-1, #2022-2, #2022-3, #2022-4, #2022-5

NEXT MEETING – Tuesday, April ²⁶~~19~~ at 8:30AM, TBD

ADJOURNMENT– *Motion for adjournment was made by J. Schulz and supported by E. Brown. Meeting adjourned at 10:00 AM.*

Respectfully Submitted: Rebekah Faivor
Rebekah Faivor, Interim Executive Director

Approved Date: 4/26/22 Signature: Janez Polochest
Title: Chair