

CLINTON CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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MINUTES BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING Tuesday, July 27, 2021 8:30 AM

Directors Present:

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

Staff Present:

Kelcie Sweeney
Katie Hafner
Eric Bak
Cheyanne Boucher
Adelyn Geissel
Jessica Short

NRCS Staff Present:

Joe Woodruff, District Conservationist
Norlando Veals, Soil Conservation Technician

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER by Ms. Polverento at 8:38 AM.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – *Ms. Brown made a motion to approve agenda as amended. Mr. Graham supported the motion. Motion carried.*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Regular Meeting Minutes, May 2021 – *Ms. Brown moved to approve the regular meeting minutes as edited. Mr. Schulz supported the motion. Motion carried.*

FINANCIAL REPORTS

1. Balance Sheet, Profit and Loss Statement for May, May Transactions; Check Detail and Credit Card Detail (paid) – **ACTION ITEM**
2. Balance Sheet, Profit and Loss Statements; June and YTD, June Transactions; Check Detail and Credit Card Detail (paid) – **ACTION ITEM**
3. Approval of Expense Checks, June & July payables – **ACTION ITEM**

Ms. Brown moved to approve Financial Reports 1.- 3. as presented. Mr. Schulz supported the motion. Motion carried.

OTHER AGENCY – *Mr. Knorek provided a written report from MDARD.*

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

MACD UPDATE – *Ms. Brown announced the Governor's proclamation of Conservation District Day on July 17th. This is anticipated to be renewed next year, on the 85th anniversary of the state statute for conservation districts first being signed. Ms. Brown indicated that there continues to be strong support of the conservation district funding in the Senate and work for support is ongoing with the House. The funding is currently still in the budget for 2022.*

NEW BUSINESS

1. Board Director Roles – **ACTION ITEM** – *Mr. Boersen made a motion to nominate the current slate of officers to retain their respective roles; close nominations and cast a*

unanimous ballot; and to elect the officers to continue to serve in their respective roles. Mr. Schulz supported the motion. Motion carried.

2. FY 2021 CTAI Conservationist Grant Amendment – **ACTION ITEM** – *Mr. Graham moved to accept terms of FY 2021 CTAI Conservationist Grant (210000000197) - Amendment A with MDARD and approve the additional \$4,000 in funds. Ms. Brown supported the motion. Motion carried.*
3. FY 2021 Appropriations Act Amendment #3 – **ACTION ITEM** – *Mr. Boersen motioned to adopt the FY 2021 Appropriations Act Amendment #3 as presented. The motion was supported by Mr. Schulz. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes - E Brown, G Boersen, J Schulz, J Graham, A Polverento. Nays – None. Absent – None. Motion carried.*
4. FY 2021 CTAI Conservationist Wage Adjustment – **ACTION ITEM** – *Mr. Boersen made a motion to approve wage adjustment as presented and provide payment to Rebekah Faivor in the amount of \$1,542.50 as recommended by the Executive Director and Board Treasurer. Ms. Brown supported the motion. Motion carried.*
5. CTAI Conservationist New Hire – **ACTION ITEM** – *Mr. Schulz made a motion to hire Katie Hafner as full-time CTAI Conservationist effective August 1st at her current rate of pay. Mr. Graham supported the motion. Motion carried.*
6. MACD 2021 Resolutions & Nominations – **ACTION ITEM** – *Resolutions will be discussed at August regular meeting. Mr. Boersen made a motion to nominate a slate of officers to the MACD Board of Directors: Jerry Miller for President, Elaine Brown for Vice President and Nancy Szikszay for Secretary/Treasurer. Mr. Schulz supported the motion. A roll call vote was taken: E Brown – abstain, A Polverento – aye, J Graham – aye, J Schulz – aye, and G Boersen – aye. Motion carried.*

OLD BUSINESS

1. MAEAP Cost Share Program – *Ms. Sweeney and Mr. Bak presented a recommendation of changes to the MAEAP Cost Share Program for FY 2021 and going into future years. Mr. Bak will prepare a document for approval at the August Regular Board Meeting.*
2. No-till Drill – *Ms. Sweeney provided an update and next steps on 2021 No-till drill use.*

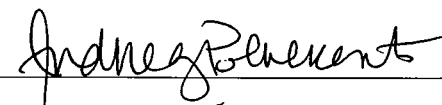
CORRESPONDENCE

1. PA-116 2021-4 Westphalia Township, Sect. 2: Anthony P Hengesbach & Sharon Hengesbach Trust
2. PA-116 2021 City of East Lansing, Sect. 29-32: N.J. Halmich Sod Nurseries/David N Johnson & Joan O Johnson

NEXT MEETING – Tuesday, August 24, 2021 at 8:30AM

ADJOURNMENT– *Meeting was adjourned at 9:56 AM.*

Respectfully Submitted: _____
Kelcie Sweeney, Executive Director

Approved Date: 8/24/21 Signature: 
Title: Chair