



CLINTON CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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MINUTES BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING Tuesday, February 23, 2021 10:00 AM

Directors Present (physical location):

Andrea Polverento, Chair (*Bath Twp. Clinton Co. MI*)
Jim Graham, Vice-chair (*Greenbush Twp. Clinton Co. MI*)
John Schulz (*Ovid Twp. Clinton Co. MI*)
Gary Boersen (*Bath Twp. Clinton Co. MI*)

Staff Present:

Kelcie Sweeney
Seth Gibson
Katie Hafner
Eric Bak
Rebekah Faivor
Adelyn Geissel
Jessica Short
Cheyanne Boucher

NRCS Staff: Joe Woodruff, District Conservationist
Norlando Veals, Soil Conservation Technician

Others: Jack Knorek, Michigan Dept Agriculture & Rural Development

THE ELECTRONIC/REMOTE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER by Ms. Polverento at 10:01 AM.

THE VOTING BOARD MEMBERS STATED THEIR PHYSICAL LOCATION.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – *Mr. Graham made a motion to approve agenda as presented. Mr. Schulz supported the motion. A roll call vote was taken: A. Polverento – aye, J. Schulz – aye, J. Graham – aye. Motion carried.*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Regular Meeting Minutes, January 2021 – *Mr. Schulz moved to approve the January meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Graham supported the motion. A roll call vote was taken: J. Schulz – aye, J. Graham – aye, A. Polverento – aye. Motion carried.*

FINANCIAL REPORTS

1. Balance Sheet; Profit and Loss Statements, January and YTD; January Transactions; Check Detail and Credit Card Detail (paid) – **ACTION ITEM**
 2. Approval of Expense Checks, February payables – **ACTION ITEM**
- Mr. Graham moved to approve Financial Reports 1.- 2. as presented. Mr. Schulz supported the motion. A roll call vote was taken: G. Boersen – aye, J. Graham – aye, A. Polverento – aye, J. Schulz – aye. Motion carried.*

OTHER AGENCY – *Mr. Knorek provided an update on the Governor's budget – no base funding was included for Districts but no cuts were made to programs that provide grant funding to districts.*

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

MACD UPDATE – *Ms. Sweeney said that MACD is planning virtual forums for District Managers to collaborate. The first one is scheduled for March 1 on tree sale technology.*

NEW BUSINESS

1. Parks & Greenspace letter of support – *Ms. Sweeney provided a copy of the 2020 letter provided for the Parks & Greenspace application to the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund program and requested any updates to the letter.*
2. MACD Legislative Advocacy – *The board discussed the letter sent out to the board directors regarding MACD's legislative advocacy efforts.*
3. Soil & Water Conservation Society membership – *Ms. Sweeney provided information on Conservation Community memberships with SWCS including benefits for Michigan members. The board plans to include membership in the 2022 budget.*
4. New position – **ACTION ITEM** – *Mr. Boersen made a motion to create the position of District Administrator/Technician, and to hire Rebekah Faivor to fill the part-time, 20-25 hour/week, position as of 2/22/2021, with the retention of earned leave and benefits provided to commensurate with a part-time position as provided in the Personnel Policy. Mr. Schulz supported this motion. A roll call vote was taken: A Polverento – aye, J. Graham – aye, J Schulz – aye, G. Boersen – aye. Motion carried.*
5. FY2021 Appropriations Act Amendment #2 – **ACTION ITEM** – *Mr. Graham made a motion to adopt the amended Appropriations Act. Mr. Schulz supported the motion. A roll call vote was taken: G. Boersen – aye, A Polverento – aye, J. Schulz – aye, J. Graham – aye. Motion carried.*

OLD BUSINESS

1. FY2020 Financial Review – *No action taken, still awaiting report. Item will be presented in Old Business during the March meeting.*
2. 2021 Business Plan – *Ms. Sweeney and Ms. Polverento will provide a draft for review and adoption at the March meeting.*


CORRESPONDENCE

1. 2020 No-Till Drill Summary

NEXT MEETING – Tuesday, March 23, 2021 at 10:00 AM

ADJOURNMENT– *Mr. Graham made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Polverento supported the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 10:58AM.*

Respectfully Submitted: _____


Kencie Sweeney, Executive Director

Managing Natural Resources

Approved Date: 3/23/21 Signature: Indira Pollock
Title: Chair

