

Dickinson Conservation District

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Thursday May 16, 2024 | 3:30 PM (CT)

MINUTES

Date Approved: _____

6/20/2024

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 Alex Manier. Also in attendance were Amber Butterfield (DCD) and Andrew Finkel (DCD).

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 APRIL MEETING: M. Rossato moved to accept the April meeting minutes, seconded by A. Manier. The motion passed unanimously.

b. FINANCE COMMITTEE:

i. APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT: A. Butterfield presented the treasurer's report. M. Rossato directed the DCD to contact MACD to get accounting guidance. A. Manier directed the DCD to obtain an example of correct conservation district budgeting and bookkeeping from MACD. M. Hansch moved to accept the treasurer's report, seconded by A. Manier. The motion passed unanimously.

ii. DISCRETIONARY SPENDING: None.

iii. APPROVAL OF BILLS: M. Hansch moved to approve the bills, seconded by M. Rossato. The motion passed unanimously.

c. FUNDRAISING: A. Finkel presented the results of the Spring Tree Sale Fundraiser 2024. K. Lehmann directed the DCD staff to conduct a "postmortem" on the financial aspect of the 2024 Spring Tree sale and present it to the board during the June board meeting. M. Rossato directed the DCD staff to report on the financial impact of the unsalable Red Cedar we received from the nursery. M. Rossato directed the DCD staff to contact a recommended Canadian tree tube supplier. K. Lehmann directed the DCD staff to conduct a "postmortem" of the work process of the Spring Tree Sale Fundraiser. K. Lehmann requested that the DCD add a "balancing/dump" account to clean up the bookkeeping.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. REGION ONE MEETING: K. Lehmann updated the board on the Region One strategy session. K. Lehmann will present at the next strategy session (on June 2nd and 3rd). Legislative Day is set for June 4th. A. Butterfield and K. Lehmann will be in attendance.

7. REPORTS

a. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

i. GRANTS: A. Butterfield gave updates on the status of the current grants, reported on new grants applied for.

ii. OPERATIONS UPDATE: A. Butterfield and K. Lehmann presented on District operations. K. Lehmann stated that we are being offered an indefinite lease on vertical farming equipment, which we would have to pay to store here. A. Butterfield informed the Board that she was a presenter at the Michigan Recycling Coalition's annual conference.

b. PARTNER REPORTS

i. FAP: A. Butterfield presented the FAP report. M. Rossato and K. Lehmann directed the DCD to publicize the donation of trees to TRICO on May 6th, 2024.

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

iii. MDARD: A. Butterfield presented the MDARD report.

iv. PRODUCE SAFETY: None.

v. NRCS: None.

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

8. MEETING REPORTS: None.

9. RESOURCE ISSUES: None.

10. BOARD PRIVILEGE: M. Rossato congratulated the DCD on a successful tree sale.

11. ADJOURN: M. Rossato moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by M. Hansch. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 4:47 PM.