

MINUTES FROM THE SCHOOLCRAFT CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

Monday, June 10, 2024

4:00 PM

SCD Office - 100 N. Cedar St, Manistique, MI

1. **Call to Order, Roll Call** The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM by chairperson Anthony Wright (AW). Other board members present were; Tom White (TW), Susan King (SK), Brad Hayes (BH), Marvin Evink (ME), and associate board member Michelle Guzzetta (MG). Also present were; NRCS District Conservationist Mike Van Wyk (MVW), SCD District Manager Ashley Reitter (AR), and SCD Conservation Technician Bruce Birr (BB).
2. **Agenda approval** Motion made by TW, second by SK to approve agenda. Motion carried.
3. **Approve minutes of May 13, 2024 board meeting** Motion made by TW, second by SK to approve May 13, 2024 meeting minutes. Motion carried.
4. **Approve Treasurer's Report** Motion made by SK, second by TW to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.
TW made a motion to move \$30,000 from the Nicolet Checking Account to an Edward Jones CD. Second by SK. Motion carried.
5. **Public Comment** none
6. **Reports**
 - A. **Partner Reports**
 - MDARD- printed report attached**
 - NRCS- printed report attached** MVW shared that all the new applications for CSP for 2024 were getting funded. He also mentioned that the new Soil Conservationist had been hired, and she would be arriving soon.
 - FAP- vacant**
 - B. **Administrative Reports**
 - District Manager– see report attached**
 - Conservation Technician – see report attached**
 - Communications Coordinator-** on leave this month
 - C. **Subcommittee Reports-**
 - Business Plan/Long Range Plan –** discuss in new business
 - Education and Outreach -** none
 - Personnel –** none
 - SESC –** none
7. **New business**
 - A. **CNA Summary –** ME made a motion to submit the Conservation Needs Assessment summary pending final edits. Second by BH. Motion carried.

- B. Farmers Market request (see attached summary)** – TW made a motion to approve a one-time grant of \$1000 to The Movement Kitchen, contingent upon them submitting an invoice and the same reporting as the Community Grants (important metrics to report; number of attendees, and economic impact). SK second. Motion carried.
- C. FY23/FY24 Auditor selection** – AR will get a quote from the SOME audit firm to present to the board.
- D. FY24 Budget amendments** - none

8. Old Business – none

9. Director Comments- TW reminded the group that one of the takeaways from the Ag Roundtable was providing long term cold storage options. He asked that the staff follows up on the next steps.

10. Compliments – AW thanked the staff for the great job during Warbler Wonderland. AR thanked TW for tackling the CNA summary work and AW for his leadership during Warbler Wonderland and his help guiding one of the tours.

11. Public comment – BB mentioned that we should get approval to do the mowing on the DHIPI plots this year. TW made a motion to continue to maintain the DHIPI plots, second by BH. Motion carried.

12. Adjourn- Meeting adjourned at 5:45. Next regular meeting: Monday, August 12, 2024 at 4:00 PM at the SCD office.