

MINUTES FROM THE SCHOOLCRAFT CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

Monday, March 11, 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), Brad Hayes (BH), and Marvin Evink (ME). Also present were; NRCS District Conservationist Mike Van Wyk (MVW), FAP Forester Lyndsey Robinson (LR), SCD District Manager Ashley Reitter (AR), SCD Conservation Technician Bruce Birr (BB), and SCD CAC Sara Solberg (SS). Member of the public Susan King was also present.
2. **Agenda approval** AW asked for addition of the Letter of Interest from Susan King under new business as item (A). Motion made by ME, second by BH to approve agenda as amended. Motion carried.
3. **Approve minutes of February 15, 2024 board meeting** Motion made by BH, second by ME to approve February 15, 2024 meeting minutes. Motion carried
4. **Approve Treasurer's Report** Motion made by TW, second by BH to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.
5. **Reports**
 - A. **Partner Reports**
 - MDARD- printed report attached.** The board asked AR to look into setting up a meeting with McBroom's office with our neighboring CDs.
 - NRCS- printed report attached** MVW shared that there have been 5 EQIP applications funded in Schoolcraft County so far, with more funding announcements to come soon. CSP has had 5 new applications from Schoolcraft County, and 9 renewals have been funded so far.
 - FAP- printed report attached**
 - B. **Administrative Reports**
 - District Manager– see attached spreadsheet**
 - Conservation Technician –see attached report** BB mentioned that SESC has been operating at a profit so far.
 - Communications Coordinator-** SS gave an update on the seed library, and other upcoming outreach events, such as: Planning your Garden, Small Acreage, and Pruning Workshop.
 - C. **Subcommittee Reports-**
 - Business Plan/Long Range Plan - none**
 - Education and Outreach - none**
 - Personnel –** AW and TW said they will do evaluations before the April meeting.
 - SESC – none**
6. **New business**

A. Susan King Letter of Interest- Motion made by ME to appoint Susan King as a board member for the Schoolcraft Conservation District board of directors, second by BH. Motion carried.
AR to set up new director training with Rachael Guth for Susan. ME may also join as he hasn't done his onboarding yet either.

7. Old Business - none

8. Director Comments- The current board members welcomed Susan to the board!

9. Compliments – AR shared that she appreciated BB and SS taking care of the office while she was on vacation, and thanked AW for attending a legislative meeting with Representative Prestin.

10. Public comment – none

11. Adjourn- Next regular meeting: Monday, April 8, 2024 at 4:00 PM at the SCD office.
Motion by BH, second by ME to adjourn the meeting at 4:50 PM. Motion carried.