

## Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Alger Conservation District Board

Tuesday, January 10th, 2023 at 5:00 pm

MSU Research and Extension Center, Chatham, MI

The regular meeting of ACD was held on the above date. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by Chairman Highlen. Board members present at roll call: John Highlen, Rowan Bunce, Hans Eriksen, Hilary Ludecke. Board members absent: James DeDecker. Staff present: Matt Watkeys, Christy Foye. Sara Kelso, Misa Cady, Elise Desjarlais, Kelly Sippl. Staff absent: Landen Tetil, Holly Wendrick-Moss.

Guests: Barb Isom, Charlie Todd

Public comment: Barb Isom thanked everyone for their hard work. Eriksen mentioned potential grant funds for kids in conservation projects. Watkeys reported that the topper was put on the truck and the dealership will install a hitch for no charge.

Correspondence: Watkeys passed around correspondence.

Approve agenda: Motion to approve agenda by Bunce, seconded by Eriksen; MCUC

Motion to approve minutes of the December 13th, 2022, regular meeting by Bunce, seconded by Eriksen; MCUC

Approve Oath of Office for Ludecke: Ludeckes Oath of Office was notarized on December 19<sup>th</sup>. A motion to approve said Oath of Office and appoint Ludecke at Treasurer was made by Eriksen, seconded by Bunce; MCUC.

Appointment of any Associate Board Members: A motion was made by Bunce to appoint Barb Isom and Charlie Todd as Associate Board Members, Ludecke seconded; MCUC.

STAFF REPORTS: Written reports reviewed by board and highlighted by staff.

- a. NRCS DC: Report received.
- b. NRCS SC: Report received.
- c. FAP FORESTER: Report received.
- d. DM: Report received.
- e. CONSERVATION PROGRAM COORDINATOR: Report received.
- f. MDARD: Report received.
- g. PRODUCE SAFETY: Report received.
- h. L2L CISMA: Report received.
- i. MAEAP: Report received.

MEETING REPORTS: Watkeys met with city commissioners and attended multiple township meetings.

### Old Business:

- a. OTHER GRANTS & FUNDING UPDATE:
  - 2023 SCRAP TIRE GRANT: Waiting to hear about this grant proposal.
  - CLEAN BOATS, CLEAN WATERS: Foye submitted a grant proposal for AIS awareness signage and workshops at Burt Township Marina and Au Train River kayak launches.
  - AU TRAIN LAKE FISHSTICKS FISHERIES HABITAT PROJECT: Permits were resubmitted to EGLE with recommended changes and waiting on those. Planning for a volunteer workday on Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup>.
  - GLRI MDOT GRANT SUBMISSION: Waiting to hear about this grant proposal.
  - DHIPI: Due at the beginning of March
  - MISG SURVEY&TREATMENT: Waiting to hear about this grant proposal.
- b. ACD VEHICLE USE POLICY REVIEW: Watkeys made recommended revisions to sections 8.3, 8.7 and 8.8. Motion to approve the ACD vehicle use policy as amended made by Bunce, seconded by Ludecke; MCUC.
- c. LYME PROPERTY ACQUISITION UPDATES: Watkeys reported that this is still moving forward. Trust for Public Land (TLP) is assisting in the grant writing. The City of Munising is still on board.
- d. ANNUAL MEETING UPDATES AND CONTINUED DISCUSSION: The annual meeting and Director Election will be held on Thursday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 4:30pm at Gallery Coffee in Munising. Cooking Carbury's will provide

appetizers and there will be a cash bar. The board meeting & elections will start at 5:30 followed by brief presentations by staff.

**New Business:**

- a. APPROVE PERFORMANCE RESOLUTION FOR MDOT ROW 2023 INVASIVE WORK: A motion was made by Bunce to approve and sign a Performance Resolution specific to Governmental Agencies rather than Municipalities, seconded by Eriksen; MCUC
- b. APPROVE EXTENSION FOR JK GRANT AND SUBSEQUENT SUBAWARD TO KISMA AND MTU: Bunce made a motion to approve the extension, Ludecke seconded; MCUC
- c. APPROVE LONG-TERM LOAN RENEWAL WITH CITY OF MUNISING: Bunce made a motion to approve the extension of the loan agreement with the City of Munising, Eriksen seconded; MCUC.
- d. MICORPS STREAM MONITORING 2023 – New AmeriCorps staff member Jane will be tasked with volunteer recruitment and outreach. There was a discussion on resources to help determine new sites to monitor.
- e. DEBIT CARD FOR ACD TRUCK FUEL PURCHASES: The board discussed the best option for fuel purchases.

ACCEPT TREASURY REPORT/PAY BILLS: Motion to accept treasury report and pay bills made by Eriksen, seconded by Bunce; MCUC

PUBLIC COMMENT: Barb Isom thanked the district for the efforts in the Lyme land acquisition.

Motion made by Bunce; seconded by Ericksen to adjourn at 6:09pm; MCUC

*Submitted by Matt Watkeys, District Manager*

*These Minutes are subject to approval until signed below.*

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

  
John Highlen, Chairman

OR

James Dedecker, Secretary

Date: 2/14/23