

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Alger Conservation District Board

Tuesday, November 8th, 2022 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 5:01 pm by Chairman Highlen. Board members present at roll call: John Highlen, Rowan Bunce, Liz Wiener. Board members absent: James DeDecker, Hans Eriksen. Staff present: Matt Watkeys, Kelly Sippl, Christy Foye. Sara Kelso, Landen Tetil. Staff absent: Misa Cady, Elise Desjarlais, MAEAP Tech.

Guests: Hilary Ludecke, John Tait, Elise Cormier, Barb Isom, Charlie Todd

Public comment: None

Correspondence: Watkeys passed around correspondence.

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

Motion to approve minutes of the October 11th, 2022, regular meeting by Wiener, seconded by Bunce; MCUC

STAFF REPORTS: Written reports reviewed by board.

- 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: Foye highlighted UMISC. Watkeys highlighted Recycle 906 committee meeting.

Old Business:

- a. FY23 MDARD OPERATIONS GRANT: This grant is signed and approved and has been submitted to MDARD.
- b. FY23 WORK AGREEMENT MATT WATKEYS: Changes were made per board recommendations from last months' meeting. Motion to approve the work agreement as presented by Bunce, seconded by Wiener; MCUC
- c. FY23 WORK AGREEMENT CHRISTY FOYE: Changes were made per board recommendations from last months' meeting. Motion to approve the work agreement as presented by Bunce, seconded by Wiener; MCUC
- d. OTHER GRANTS & FUNDING UPDATE: 2023 Scrap Tire – Watkeys will submit a proposal for up to 5 collection sites for \$15,000. Clean Boats, Clean Waters Grant – Watkeys is waiting to hear back from Burt Twp about resubmitting last years' proposal. Au Train Lake Fisheries Habitat Grant – Watkeys reported that the project is going well and there is a lot of landowner interest. Permission has been granted for 60 brush bundle structures. GLRI – Watkeys is writing a grant proposal for a tree planting on the dunes at Au Train beach and M-28 Christmas corridor. JK Grant – This grant is continuing into next year.

New Business:

- a. GABRIDGE AUDIT ENGAGEMENT LETTER VS ANDERSON-TACKMAN ENGAGEMENT LETTER: After discussion, Bunce made a motion to use Gabridge for the audit, seconded by Wiener; MCUC
- b. AMERICORPS VISTA TEAM MEMBER: Watkeys has received 4 applications. Interviews are set up for November 9th & 10th.
- c. SUMMER STAFF EMPLOYMENT FEEDBACK FORMS: Overall positive feedback from seasonal staff.

d. APPOINT BOARD OF DIRECTORS VACANCY: Board entertained questions from potential candidates.

ACCEPT TREASURY REPORT/PAY BILLS: Motion to accept treasury report made by Bunce, seconded by Wiener; MCUC

PUBLIC COMMENT: Sipple mentioned that the deadline for EQIP applications is due Dec.3rd and the deadline for RCPP applications is due Dec. 9th.

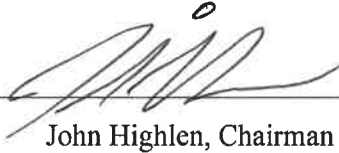
Thank you, Liz, for your service on the board. You will be missed!

Motion made by Wiener; seconded by Bunce to adjourn at 6:07pm; 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: 12/13/22