

MEETING MINUTES

For the regular meeting of the Alger Conservation District Board
Tuesday, April 14th, 2026, 5:00 pm, located at MSU Research and Extension Center, Chatham

Call to order: On the above date, Chairperson Rowan Bunce called ACD's regular meeting to order at 5:06 p.m.

Board members present: Rowan Bunce, Hans Eriksen, Charlie Todd, Hilary Ludecke, Hampton Waring

Board members absent: None

Associate board members present: Barb Isom

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Staff present: Alex Kolton, Eryn Grupido, Helena Moleski, Sara Kelso, Elise Desjarlais

Staff absent: Misa Cady, Haley Van Huis, Holly Wendrick-Moss

Guests: Mackenzie Guzman, Laura Leppanen

Public comment: Kolton welcomed Associate Director Applicants (GUESTS) and introductions went around the room.

Correspondence: Kolton passed mail including Tax statements, seasonal license approval, and notice of a UIA credit

Approve agenda

Motion by Ludecke, seconded by Eriksen to approve the agenda. All in favor; motion carried.

Approve minutes of March 24th, 2026, regular meeting

Motion by Waring, seconded by Eriksen to approve previous minutes as presented. All in favor; motion carried.

Board and Staff Reports: review written reports

Written reports were reviewed by the board and highlighted by staff.

NRCS SC: Not Received

CTAI: Received

FAP FORESTER: Received

Kelso stated that they've been in the field more, hosting outreach events, and providing guidance for Tree Sale. It has been a busy month with a lot of travel around the state for professional development opportunities. Kolton congratulated Kelso's award of the DHIPI grant. Kelso also announced that MCCD has hired a new Produce Safety Technician and they started this week.

L2L Cisma: Received

Desjarlais announced their final date of work and that the transition to the new manager, Erica Viau, is on track. Field season is prepped and they should be able to carry out all goals. The board expressed well wishes and goodbyes, thanking Desjarlais for 11 years of service.

ACD DD (AK): Received

Kolton stated they have been working on the scrap tire project and business taxes. They will be focused on new policies next month.

ACD DM (EG): Received

Grupido announced that the Pie Contest has no registrants as of yet and may be cancelled if none sign up by the deadline- the board expressed surprise at this and said the advertising was fun. Requested all to keep an eye out for our newsletter with the description of the food system project and link to the food system survey.

ACD DC (HM): Received

1. Mackenzie Guzman: Guzman introduced themselves and stated they are a fan of the CDs work and wants to see more of it. Described experience in strategic business planning.

Motion by Todd; Seconded by Ludecke to appoint Guzman as an associate director. All in favor; Motion carried.

2. Laurie Leppanen: Leppanen introduced themselves and their background in policy and strategic planning and role in Rock River Township. They are interested in a full board position in the future and look forward to serving their community.

Motion by Ludecke; Seconded by Waring to appoint Leppanen as an associate director. All in favor; Motion carried.

Accept Treasury Report; pay bills

Kolton presented the bills and described updates and changes to the budget for clarification. Motion by Waring; Seconded by Todd to accept the treasury report and pay bills as presented. Motion carried; Bills paid.

Public comment none

Adjourn

Motion by Ludecke, seconded by Eriksen, to adjourn at 7:30 pm. All in favor; motion carried.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: Tuesday, May 12th at 5:00 pm

Grupido has transcribed these minutes | Minutes are subject to approval until signed below

APPROVED: HA Rowan Bunce

DATE: 07/14/2020

Rowan Bunce, Chairman

OR

Hilary Ludecke, Vice President