

Alger CD Board of Director Minutes
For the regular meeting of the Alger Conservation District Board
Tuesday, September 10th, 2024, 5:00 pm * MSU Research and Extension Center, Chatham

Call to order:

A regular meeting of ACD was held on the above date. The meeting was called to order at 5:00pm by Vice Chair Rowan Bunce.

Board members present:

Staff present:

Board members present at roll call: Rowan Bunce, Hilary Ludecke and Hans Eriksen. Board members absent: John Highlen and James DeDecker. Associate board members absent: Barb Isom and Charlie Todd. Staff present: Alex Kolton and Eryn Grupido, Sara Kelso, Misa Cady. Staff absent: Elise Desjarlais, Helena Moleski, Amy Frye, Landen Tetil and Holly Wendrick-Moss.

Guests: Rachael Guth

Board members absent:

Staff absent:

Public comment: None

Approve agenda:

Motion by Eriksen, seconded by Ludecke to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of 'NRCS Civil Rights Check List' as an additional agenda item. All in favor; motion carried.

Approve minutes of August 20th, 2024, Regular Meeting:

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

Budget Hearing, FY 2025 Budget and Appropriations Act

Call To Order:

5:04pm

Public comment: None

Board Action to adopt proposed Budget and Appropriations Act: Motion by Eriksen, seconded by Ludecke to accept the Appropriated Budget with the amendment eliminating the "Milage Marketing" expense and removing any and all appropriated funding towards same.

Roll Call Time: 5:16pm

Highlen - Absent
Bunce - Aye
Ludecke - Aye
DeDecker - Absent
Eriksen - Aye

Hearing Closed Time: 5:17pm

Board and Staff Reports: review written reports:

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

- a. **NRCS DC: Report received.**
- b. **NRCS SC: No report received.**

- c. **FAP FORESTER: Report received.**
- d. **PRODUCE SAFETY: Report received.**
- e. **L2L CISMA: Report received.**
- f. **ACD DD: Report received.**
- g. **ACD DC: Report received.**
- h. **MDARD: Report received.**
- i. **MAEAP: No report received.**

Meeting Reports: None

Old Business:

- a. **Review and Approve FY24/25 Business Plan:**
Motion by Eriksen and seconded by Ludecke to approve Business Plan as presented. All in favor; Motion carried.
- b. **Approve and Sign Engagement letter: Natural Resource Connections, LLC – GLRI Grant Writer:**
Kolten presented a concise cost-benefit analysis and a proposed \$6,000 cap for paid services. There was discussion about the presented “Contract”, its deliverables and other content. Kolten to reach out to Natural Resource Connections to get more clarity and present findings at next board meeting. It was noted that this item is time-sensitive.
- c. **Discussion, Board Sub-Committees:**
 - 1. **Strategic Planning**
 - 2. **District Policy**
 - 3. **Tree Sale and Outreach**
 - 4. **Diversifying Income and Investments**

This item will be tabled until next board meeting due to attendance. It is noted that there was interest expressed in all sub-committees by at least one board member.
- d. **Update, CD region 2 meeting, Date TBD, Alger County Fairgrounds**
Event will proceed as expected and conclude with a tour of Evergreen Nursery after a potluck lunch. Kolton states an agenda will be available soon.

New Business

- a. **Approve and Sign NACD Urban AG Grant:**
Motion by Ludecke and seconded by Eriksen to accept and sign the presented Memorandum of Agreement with NACD.
- b. **Review, Draft Committee Policy – ACD: Strategic Planning Committee:**
Discussion centered on committee membership formation. Consensus was reached that this policy will be revisited and worked on consistently in future meetings.
- c. **NRCS Civil Rights Checklist**
Cady led a discussion of workplace postings including EEO and non-discrimination laws. Kolton states that the District is in compliance as well.

Accept Treasury Report; pay bills

Kolton presented ACD financial statements as of September 10th, 2024. Motion by Ludecke, seconded by Eriksen, to accept the Treasury Reports and pay the bills. All in favor; motion carried.

Public comment

None

Adjourn

Motion by Eriksen, seconded by Ludecke, to adjourn at 6:40 pm. All in favor; motion carried.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: October 8th, 2024, 5:00 pm

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 APPROVED 10/8/24