

MEETING MINUTES

For the regular meeting of the Alger Conservation District Board

Tuesday, July 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 5:02 PM.

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

Board members absent: Hilary Ludecke

Associate board members present: Barb Isom

Associate board members absent: Mackenzie Guzman, Laura Leppanen

Staff present: Eryn Grupido

Staff absent: Jacklyn Whitcomb, Helena Moleski

Guests: None

Public comment: None

Correspondence: IRS correspondence

Approve agenda

Motion by Todd, seconded by Waring to approve the agenda. All in favor; motion carried.

Approve minutes of June 11, 2026, special meeting Motion by Hampton, Seconded by Todd. All in favor; motion carried

Approve minutes of May 12th, 2026, regular meeting corrected 2026 from 2025 Motion by Hampton, Seconded by Todd. All in favor; motion carried

Resign April 14th, 2026 regular meeting minutes Board Chair Bunce signed previously approved minutes

Resign May 1st, 2026 Special meeting minutes Board Chair Bunce signed previously approved minutes

Board and Staff Reports: review written reports

NRCS SC: Received report

CTAI: Received report

FAP FORESTER: Received report

L2L CISMA: Received report

ACD DM (EG): Received report

ACD DC (HM): Received report

MDARD: Received report

CTAP: Received report

PRODUCE SAFETY: Received report

ABC FORESTER: Received report

Meeting Reports: None

Old Business:

a. Scrap Tire Grant

Scrap Tire Grant funding has been approved. Scheduling Tire collection events for late September or early October. As the district has more information on scheduling it will communicate with townships for events dates and promotion.

New Business:

a. Schedule Staff Reviews

Tabled until August 11 regular Meeting

b. FY27-28 Budget and Staff Goals

Board discussed budget needs and scheduled a special meeting on August 3rd to go over budget in more detail and prepare a balanced budget for August regular meeting approval. Tabled until August 3rd special meeting Motion by Todd, seconded by Waring All in favor; motion carried.

c. Hiring Subcommittee and Applicants

Board discussed the 6 applicants for the district manager position. Looking at budget, constraints and future grant funding limitations Bunce recommended not hiring more staff and Waring agreed, citing that the current interim District Manager Eryn has all the qualifications necessary for the position. Rachael Guth advised that hiring subcommittee should still conduct interviews and the board discussed using a hiring criteria metric to choose the top three candidates to interview.

d. Policy Clocking in and Out for Hourly Employees

Tabled until August 11th regular Meeting

e. Alger County Fair

ACD will have a table at the Alger County Fair July 31- August 2 and is looking for people to man the table. Sign up day and time to be sent to Eryn.

f. Call with the City of Munising

Eryn updated the board on a phone call with the city of Munising about the city's willingness to have ACD explore grant funding opportunities to help with the cost of the storm drain and culvert repairs by the school track field.

Accept Treasury Report; pay bills

Motion by Todd, seconded by Waring All in favor; motion carried

Public comment none

Adjourn

Motion by Todd, seconded by Waring, to adjourn at 6:25 PM. All in favor; motion carried.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: Tuesday, August 11th at 5:00 pm

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

APPROVED: *RB*

Rowan Bunce, Chairman

OR

Hampton Waring, Vice President

DATE: 07/14/2024