



St. Joseph County Conservation District
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Board Meeting Minutes for April 16, 2025

3:01 pm Call to Order by Board Chair

Directors Present:

Chad Clark, Chair
Todd Hironimus, Treasurer
Dan Blasius, Vice Chair
Carol Higgins, Member
Mike Sherman, Member

Associate Board Members:

Nelson Evers
Howard Avildsen

Staff Present:

Shaun Grace
Eric Pretzlav

Introductions / Visitors:

Additions / Deletions to Agenda: 1 item added – Clark motioned to amend the agenda with addition to new business. Blasius second, motion passed.

Approval of March Board Minutes: C. Higgins motioned to approve the March Board Minutes as they stand, T. Hironimus second, Motion carried.

Treasurer Report: Grace explained what she knew about the Federal GLRI grant on hold for a bit. Clark motioned to accept March Treasurer report to be placed on file. Blasius second.

Correspondence Reports:

- **Administrator:** Written.
- **CTAI Conservationist:**
- **CTAI:** Written.
- **CISMA:** written
- **EGLE:** Written
- **MDARD:** Written.
- **NRCS:** None.

- **Board of Directors:** Spoken – Higgins shared about coloring contest and Stewardship week April 27 to May 3, 2025. The theme was Home is where the habitat is!.
Avildsen placed 10 pussy willow trees at Saganash golf course. He would like a sign placed

Old Business:

- **Conflict of Interest:** None.
- **Tree Sale:** April 28th pick up, 4th grade tree wrap Monday night for 4th Grade Conservation Days.
- **HHW** Volunteers needed May 6 from 2-6 pm for Household hazardous waste day.

New Business:

- **Election of Officers.** Higgins motioned to have the slate of officers as follows Chad Clark, chair; Dan Blasius, vice chair; Todd Hironimus, treasurer. Sherman second motion passed. Higgins also motioned to invite Howard Avildsen as an associate member Blasius second and motion passed.
- **MiClass:** Grace will call and explain that the treasurer as well as Grace can move money as needed.
MI Class: Grace will call. Higgins motioned to place 10K into the program, and the board give Grace authority to add and remove money for the District.
- **Budget Review:** Grace presented a partial budget review for the board to look at and amend at the May board meeting.

PA116: None.

Adjournment: T. Hironimus motioned to adjourn at 4:33 pm, Higgins second, Motion carried.

Next Meeting: May 21st at the St. Joseph County Conservation District Offices at 3:00pm.

Board Chair Signature: Chad Clark

Date: 5-21-2025