



St, Joseph County Conservation District
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October 16, 2024
Board Minutes

3:02 pm Call to order by Howard Avildsen

Directors Present:

Howard Avildsen, Board chair

Dan Blasius

Carol Higgins

Board members absent

Todd Hironimus, vice chair

Chad Clark, Treasurer

Present Nelson Evers, associate board member

Staff Present:

Harlie Miller, Ashley Waltke, and Eric Pretzlav

Introductions/Visitors: Rick Shaffer

Additions or Deletions to agenda: One addition to the agenda. Higgins motioned to approve the agenda. Blasius Second. Motion passed

Public Comment: None

Approval of September board meeting. Higgins motioned to accept the September board minutes Blasius second. Motion passed.

Treasurer Report:

Higgins motioned to place on file the September treasurer reports on file. Blasius second. Motion passed. Grace explained the new report that was added to the financials. Also, to keep the year end Profit and Loss out to look at during the Budget FY24 year-end amendments.

Correspondence Reports:

Administrator: spoken. The staff and Grace will be writing several grants this fall to a variety of agencies. MACD conference is coming up with Higgins, Grace and Miller all attending.

MAEAP: written. Miller discussed her report.

NRCS: none

CISMA: none

MDARD: written.

CTAI: written. Waltke mentioned she was busy working with several counties and even a state person reached out to her for extra help. She as well as Miller were glad to attend the Region 8 meeting in Cass county.

Board: Grace answered the question from last month about the Mottville dam, it is not being removed just a check for renewing the license. Higgins brought several posters for the poster contest, encouraging our directors to attend regional meetings as next year is our election of directors to that board. Also, Renehan will get the list of seeds she has collected to her so they do not duplicate. Avildsen mentioned he attended the county commissioner meeting and met a young lady very interested in discussing edible landscape. Renehan will invite her to attend our next meeting

Old Business:

- **Conflict of interest:**
- **Staff raises/bonus:** Once again tabled until full board can be together to discuss
- **MiClass:** Also tabled until next month
- **Audit** will begin at the end of October.

New Business

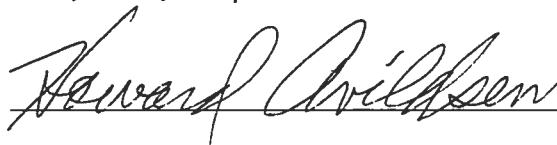
- **Budget Amendments:** Higgins motioned to accept the amendments Blasius second. Roll Call was had with Avildsen yes, Blasius yes, and Higgins yes to approve the small margin of discrepancies of the projected budget. Grace felt happy about the budget projection even though she struggles with the monthly financials.
- **Fair:** Grace explained low entries for the 4 life jackets and would like to go back to a kayak giveaway next year.
- **Hazardous Household waste project:** Grace explained she will be working with Pat Kulakowski and the county to begin taking over the 2 days in 2025 with future plans for growing the program. More next month.

PA116: NONE

Adjournment: Blasius motioned to adjourn at 4:26 pm Higgins second. Motion passed.

Next Meeting: November 20, 2024, at 3pm at the District Offices.

Board Chair Signature:



Date Nov. 20, 2024