



St, Joseph County Conservation District
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January 20, 2021
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January 20, 2021 Board Minutes

6:10pm Call to order by Howard Avildsen

Directors Present:

Howard Avildsen, Board chair

Dan Blasius, Vice Chair, via zoom at his home in Sturgis

Carol Higgins, via zoom at her home in Mendon,

John Nelson via zoom at his home in White Pigeon

Directors absent:

Chad Clark, Treasurer

Introductions/Visitors: none

Additions or Deletions to agenda: Higgins motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Nelson second, motion passed.

Public Comment: None

Approval of December Board Minutes: Higgins motioned to accept both Sept and October Board Minutes, Nelson second. Motion passed. One minor change of adjournment time from 8:14pm to 6:35pm

Treasurer Report: Nelson motioned to approve the December financials, Higgins second, motion passed. Discussion about grant indirect expenses.

Correspondence Reports:

MAEAP: written

NRCS: none

CISMA: written

MDARD: none

Administrator: spoken/written

Board: Higgins discussed the MACD conference. Group discussion about spotted Lantern fly. This prompted Blasius to request Grace to investigate possible USDA money for trapping program. Discussion about removal of Tree of Heaven across the county.

Old Business:

- **Conflict of interest:**
- **Annual Meeting: April 22nd.** Grace will continue to provide information to pull the meeting together. With the potential of a virtual but hopefully a in person meeting even if out side at the Covered Bridge Park
- **Audit update:** Audit invoice will be sent in February and paid upon Carolyn's return in March.

New Business:

- **Tree Sale:** May 7 and 8th at the Fairgrounds. Orders on line have begun.
- **New MACD Director/Manager Handbook:** The board completed the first section of the MACD Planning and Conservation Delivery Element FY21. This gave the board a great deal of discussion about our vision, mission and other community outreach. Blasius will reach out to John Switzer and ask for some help with tools they can use as a board to increase their scores.

PA116: none

Adjournment: Higgins motioned to adjourn at 8:15 pm Nelson second. Motion passed

Next Meeting: February 17, 2021 at 6pm via Zoom Carolyn Grace is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Board Meeting

Time: Feb 17, 2021 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Every month on the Third Wed, until Jun 16, 2021, 5 occurrence(s)

Feb 17, 2021 06:00 PM

Mar 17, 2021 06:00 PM

Apr 21, 2021 06:00 PM

May 19, 2021 06:00 PM

Jun 16, 2021 06:00 PM

Board Chair Signature:



Date 2/17/2021