



St. Joseph County Conservation District
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Board of Directors Minutes for May 19, 2021

6:05 pm official start by Howard Avildsen

Directors Present:

Howard Avildsen, Chair

Dan Blasius, Vice Chair

Carol Higgins

John Nelson

Directors Absent

Chad Clark

Introductions/Visitors: none

Additions or Deletions to agenda:

None needed. Higgins motioned to accept the agenda as presented. Nelson second, motion passed

Approval of March and April Minutes: Higgins motioned to accept March and April board minutes. Blasius supported. Motion passed. One correction of who started board meeting.

Treasurer Report: Blasius made a motion to place April financials on file. Higgins supported. Motion passed.

Correspondence Reports:

- **NRCS:** none from Josh Crandall
- **MEAEP:** written
- **CTAI:** submitted by Ashley Ives.
- **CTAI:** none from Jared Harmon
- **Admin report:** spoken. Board had a lengthy discussion about tree sale, fundraising efforts, paying off the Sturgis Bank and Trust loan and how to get further recognition by the community with our programs.
- **CISMA:** written
- **Director Board:** Avildsen attended the breakfast with Steve Carra, area representative he was disappointed with the meeting. Higgins shared the information about the new MACD logo, it is in the shape of a droplet of water and a leaf. It is growing on us. Also, Higgins urged the board and Grace to reach out to local and state representatives to check the MACD website for funding letters of support to send. Also, to have board sign up to slack, a forum through MACD webpage.
Avildsen also noted that through a variety of culvert checks, some of the data used was from the District to get some replaced or repaired around the county.

Unfinished Business

- **Conflict of interest**

- **Tree Sale:** May 7-8th Grace had a big sigh of relief. Tree sale went well; however, she will increase the number of conifers purchased. Also, may not accept as many leftovers from other county sales due to the amount of background work needing to be completed with the new inventory coming to the sale.
- **Vision statement:** To live in a community where the citizens protect and preserve the environment in which they live.

New Business:

- **Annual Meeting and election of officers:** Higgins motioned to keep the current three officers in place. Howard Avildsen as Chair, Daniel Blasius as Vice chair, and Chad Clark as treasurer. Nelson Second. Little discussion was had, and motion passed. The officers will remain in place until March 2022.
- **MACD Governance policy standard element:** The fourth and final MACD policy packets were completed. Several notes made and Grace will request a second meeting with Jack Knorek, Regional Coordinator, to review and help explain the questions that arose during the board completion of the packet. Grace will inform the board of that date.

PA116: None

Adjournment: Nelson motioned to adjourn at 8:54 pm, Higgins second. Motion passed.

Next Meeting: June 16, at the Conservation district offices at 6:00pm.

Board Signature: _____