



St. Joseph County Conservation District  
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February 17, 2021  
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February 17, 2021 Board Minutes

6:01pm Call to order by Howard Avildsen

**Directors Present:**

Howard Avildsen, Board chair at District office  
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:** Jack Knorek, MDARD; Ashley Ives; Jared Harmon

**Additions or Deletions to agenda:** Higgins motioned to add the mission and vision to new business and then approve the agenda as presented. Nelson second, motion passed.

**Public Comment:** None

**Approval of January Board Minutes:** Higgins motioned to approve the January board minutes, Nelson second, motion approved

**Treasurer Report:** Nelson motioned to approve the January financials, Blasius second, motion passed.

**Correspondence Reports:**

**MAEAP:** written

**NRCS:** written Grace explained Crandall will be on a team to discuss how NRCS can rate the District Board, This has not been done before and she hopes to have positive results

**CISMA:** written

**CTAI:** Ashley Ives, discussed her very full busy month with payments. Also discussed how FSA is the agency that decides wetlands.

**MDARD:** none

**FB CTAI:** Jared Harmon explained what he has been working on in the three counties he works with.

**Administrator:** written

**Board:** Blasius and/or Grace will check on funding for spotted lantern fly, or any type of trap for invasive.

**Old Business:**

- **Conflict of interest:**
- **Annual Meeting: April 22<sup>nd</sup>.** 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. If we cannot hold a in person meeting, Grace will check on how to hold a virtual meeting.
- **Audit update:** Audit invoice will be sent in February and paid upon Carolyn's return in March.
- **MACD dues:** 2<sup>nd</sup> payment is due in March.

**New Business:**

- **Aug 28, 2021** In place of the local food dinner we will be having a local celebration of the St. Joseph River. It will be held at the Covered Bridge Farm Park. Jaymes MacDonald and Carolyn have been planning the event. It will be a free community event with drinks, chips, hotdogs, brats and possible burgers. All mostly donated by the sponsors that MacDonald and Grace will secure.
- **Mission:** To protect and restore the natural resources of St. Joseph County through education, outreach, partnerships, and technical assistance. Higgins motioned to approve the mission, Nelson second. Motion passed.
- **Vision Statement:** Jack Knorek provided an outline for us and in the March meeting we will discuss and have a statement

**PA116: none**

**Adjournment:** Nelson motioned to adjourn at 7:14 pm Higgins second. Motion passed

**Next Meeting: April 21, 2021 Scheduled at the Covered Bridge Farm Park**

**Board Chair Signature:**



**Date**

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