



St, Joseph County Conservation District
693 E. Main Street
October 21, 2020
Centreville, MI 49032
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October Board Minutes

6:00 Call to order by Dan Blasius

Directors Present:

Dan Blasius, Vice chair

Carol Higgins

John Nelson

Directors absent:

Howard Avildsen, Board chair

Chad Clark, Treasurer

Introductions/Visitors: Dan Czajkowski

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

Public Comment: Dan Czajkowski discussed the county budget and how they are going to vote in November on their budget.

Approval of September board meeting and Budget hearing Minutes: Nelson motioned to table the minutes until November meeting, Higgins second. Motion passed.

Treasurer Report: Nelson motioned to approve the September financials, Higgins second, motion passed.

Correspondence Reports:

MAEAP: Mike Censke attended the meeting via conference call from his house in Colon, Michigan. He explained how he spent his \$3,000.00 of cost share money for 4 different projects, including a chemigation valve, fuel pad, and two water testing kits for farmer use.

NRCS: none

CISMA: written

MDARD: none

Administrator: spoken

Board: Nelson informed the board about Tom Krull of White Pigeon and his award from the Agriculture community. He placed 2nd in the sorghum growing 185.2 bushels per acre. Grace will reach out to him and discuss his award.

Old Business:

- **Golf Outing:** Grace gave the total to the board. Nelson asked Grace to call the Green Valley Golf Course and set up a Sept date. Preferred date Sat. Sept 11, 2021
- **Plan of Work:** The board had several new items to add to Grace's workload for the upcoming year. They included several ideas about field days, reaching out to several new farmers in the county. Also, ideas about sales of shirts for Earth day and District. A final copy will be provided for approval next board meeting.

New Business:

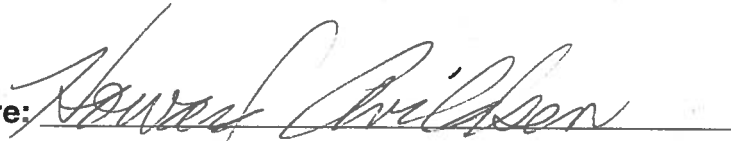
- **Natural Resource and 5-year business plan:** Several changes to the Resource plan order of questions, edits to questions and final draft for printing completed. Grace will print copies for the board, provide an online version, and reach out to county to put on their web page.
- **CTAI:** Explanation of the \$3,600.00 from the grant money. \$999.00 went to District and the rest went to Ashley as a bonus.
- **Annual Meeting and election:** Annual meeting to be set for the April 15th along with an election. Grace will ask the same guest speakers to attend for the 2021 date.

PA116: none

Adjournment: Nelson motioned to adjourn at 8:14pm Higgins second. Motion passed

Next Meeting: November 18, 2020 at 6pm at the St. Joseph County Conservation District Offices

Board Chair Signature:



Date

12/16/2020