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AUGUST BOARD MEETING AGENDA

DATE: Thursday, August 27th, 2026

TIME: 6 p.m.

PLACE: 705 N. Zeeb Rd, Ann Arbor, MI 48103 (Conference room 2010)

CALL TO ORDER – Brines

GUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENT -

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: July Board Meeting

COMMITTEE REPORTS - Finance Committee; HR Committee; Leadership Committee; Farmer Committee

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT– Gabriel

APPROVAL OF BILLS - Brines

CORRESPONDENCE/PUBLIC NOTICES – Henes

FARMLAND AGREEMENT/PDR APPLICATIONS – Henes

CONSERVATION PLANS – Henes

STAFF REPORTS:

- Executive Director – New Joy Casnovsky
- Conservation Specialist - Nick Machinski
- Resource Specialist - Doug Reith
- Development Manager - Megan Phillips Goldenberg
- Community Forester - Matt DeJonge
- Community Engagement Specialist - Jill Lada
- NRCS District Conservationist - Solomon Andrews
- Washtenaw County Farm Bureau - Sue Rodgers
- Produce Safety Technician, Genesee CD – Micah Hutchinson
- MDARD Regional Coordinator- Nadene Berthiaume

OLD BUSINESS

1. Staffing Updates (10 min) - Brines/Goldenberg
 - a. Executive Director

NEW BUSINESS

1. Finance Administrator & Committee Updates (20 min) - Ansari/Gabriel
2. Farmer Committee Development (5 min) - Dohner
3. Personnel Policies (10 min) - Denig
 - a. Holiday Leave
 - b. Leave of Absence
4. Updating Executive Director Employment Offer (5 min) - Denig
5. Fringe Rate Methodology (10 min) - Denig
6. Proposed Resolution on Land Use (5 min) - Denig
7. Grant/MOU Updates (20 min) - Brines/Goldenberg
 - a. Upcoming grants, applications in development
 - i. MDARD CS, OPS
 - ii. *EGLE Watershed Council Support
 - b. Submitted Letters of Interest, Pending Invitation to Submit Full Proposal
 - i. USDA NIFA Speciality Crop Research Initiative Grant (MSU)
 - c. Grant applications for BOD approval
 - d. Pending Notice
 - i. USDA BFRDP (MiFarmLink Passing the Plow)
 - ii. NACD TA
 - iii. EGLE/EPA MyFarms Digital Adoption
 - e. Grants/MOU for BOD Approval, Signature
 - i. SARE- Michigan First Generation Farm Mentors
 - ii. *MDARD CTAP 27-29
 - iii. *MDARD RFNG 27-28
 - iv. *MDARD RAP 27-28
 - v. *MSU TOPP Amendments 1 & 2
 - f. Received in FY26 & uploaded to Google Drive
 - i. MDARD FY26 Grants: OPS, CS, CTAP, RAP, RFNG
 - ii. EGLE OSN
 - iii. Ag Plastic MOU
 - iv. Saline-Macon (subawardee of RRWC)
 - v. County MOU Ag Tire Drive

NEXT MEETING:

1. Regular Board Meeting: Thursday, September 24th at 6 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

* indicates associated memo