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OCTOBER BOARD MEETING AGENDA

DATE: Thursday, October 16, 2025
TIME: 7 p.m.
PLACE: 705 N. Zeeb Rd, Ann Arbor, MI 48103 (Conference room 2010)

CALL TO ORDER – Brines

GUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENT-

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA-

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: September Board Meeting

COMMITTEE REPORTS - Finance Committee; HR Committee

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT– Weber

APPROVAL OF BILLS - Brines

CORRESPONDENCE/PUBLIC NOTICES – Henes

FARMLAND AGREEMENT/PDR APPLICATIONS – Henes

CONSERVATION PLANS – Henes

STAFF REPORTS: Executive Director – Summer Roberts
Conservation Specialist - Nick Machinski
Resource Specialist - Doug Reith
Conservation Technicians (TOPP)- Kim Williams-Guillen & Alex Cacciari
MiFarmLink Specialist- Jill Dohner
Development Manager - Megan Phillips Goldenberg
Community Forester - Matt DeJonge
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. Budget Scenario Updates/Staff Changes (5 min) - Brines/Roberts
    a. NRCS Position
        i. NACD -> applications in Nov
        ii. Knight Foundation -> no updates
        iii. AMP -> moving forward again
        iv. Cooperative Agreement with NRCS
            1. Review Examples from other CDS
2. Training Opportunities (10 min) - Brines/Gabriel/Denig
    a. Director Training Recap
    b. MACD Annual Meeting, December 8-10, 2025, Bellaire MI
3. Annual Meeting Vision (10 min) - All
    a. Reasoning for change:
        i. No staff to plan Annual Meeting
        ii. MLive Article
        iii. Potential voting during the week at WFCG (non-govt building)
        iv. Free event with largest draw of people
        v. Past annual meetings - about ½ people left after keynote
    b. At NPEM:
        i. Director Elections
        ii. Survey
        iii. Awards?

NEW BUSINESS

1. Grant Updates (2 min) - Roberts
    a. MDARD FY26 Grants
        i. Will be emailed to BOD Chair for signature when ready
    b. Saline-Macon Grant via RRWC awarded
2. BOD Succession Planning (20 min) - All
    a. Associate Directors and Committee Members
3. Reserves and Capital Fund Discussion (10 min) - All
    a. Reserve - 6 months operating & 10% cushion
    b. General - cover cash flow, reduce moving money back and forth
    c. Capital - budget for larger strategic goals, like acquiring a demo farm/site
4. Insurance Review (5 min) - Roberts
    a. Liability Waiver
    b. Current Coverages

NEXT MEETING:

1. Regular Board Meeting: Thursday, November 20th at 7 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT