



Washtenaw County Conservation District

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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. on Thursday, January 25th, 2024.

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Shannon Brines
Matt Nolan
Maegen Gabriel
Tom Shanahan

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Hannah Weber

OTHERS PRESENT

Deborah Shad, Finance Administrator (virtual)
Steve Law
Solomon Andrews
Dene B.
Sue Rodgers

PUBLIC COMMENT

Steve Law, MACD Vice-Chair, Jackson County Conservation District
Provided a brief overview of the MACD voting process.

MEETING MINUTES

Motion by Gabriel to approve December meeting minutes, seconded by Shanahan. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Total Assets	666,526.38
Total Liabilities & Equity	666,526.38
Total Monthly Income	208,744.19
Total Monthly Expense	278,442.09
Total Other Income	73,691.21
Total Monthly Net Income	3,820.38
Total Income booked through Dec 31, 2023	195,260.23
Total Expense booked through Dec 31, 2023	103,390.03

Total Other Income through Dec 31, 2023	68,989.27
Total Other Expense through Dec 31, 2023	76
Net Income through Dec 31, 2023	160,783.47

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Motion by Nolan to approve payment of provided Pos. Gabriel seconded. Motion carried.

FARMLAND AGREEMENTS & CONSERVATION PLANS

Motion by Nolan to approve conservation plans. Gabriel seconded. Motion carried.

STAFF & PARTNER REPORTS

WCCD Executive Director, Megan DeLeeuw

WCCD Resource Coordinator, Doug Reith

WCCD Community Forester, Summer Roberts

WCCD MAEAP Technician, Nick Machinski

WCCD Outreach Coordinator, Dru Mark-Wilson

WCCD Conservation Technician, Paul Buzzard

WCCD Conservation Technician, Matt DeJonge

WCCD Outreach Coordinator, Bridget Mitchell

WCCD MCSFP Specialist, Megan Phillips Goldenberg

WCCD MIFarmLink Specialist, Jill Dohner

OLD BUSINESS

Annual Meeting recap

- Board provided feedback for staff on a successful annual meeting and brainstormed for next year.

Future board meetings content/structure/meeting times

- Board suggested simplifying reports and testing out department level reports rather than individual reports.

NEW BUSINESS

Newly elected board directors

Acting Chair read into the meeting minutes

- Board directors: Maegen Gabriel elected in 2024 for a 4-year term.
- Board director: Tom Shanahan elected in 2024 / 1-year term replacing Jill Dohner

Officer elections

- Nolan nominates Brines as Chair, seconded by Tom, motion carried.
- Shanahan nominates Nolan as Chair, seconded by Brines, motion carried.
- Nolan nominates Weber as Treasurer, seconded by Brines, motion carried.
- Nolan nominates Gabriel as Secretary, seconded by Shanahan, motion carried.

Region 10 MACD election

- Nolan motions to support Brines for Chair region 10 and Clark as Vice, seconded by Gabriel. Motion carried.

Friends of the WCCD

- Discussed the Washtenaw County Commissioners approach to millages and what the WCCD Board might prefer in terms of ballot placement if they have the choice.
- Nolan motions to state our preference to being on the November but open to the will of the commissioners, seconded by Gabriel, motion carried.

DEI Report findings: Table to next month

Staff Transitions

NEXT MEETING: Monthly Board Meeting: Thursday, February 15th.

OATH OF OFFICE

ADJOURNMENT: 10:21pm.

THESE MINUTES STAND TO BE APPROVED.

MINUTES APPROVED

APPROVAL SIGNATURE: _____

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'S. Brines', is written over the signature line. A large, semi-transparent 'DRAFT' watermark is visible across the center of the page.

