



MINUTES

Montcalm Conservation District Board Meeting
USDA Service Center
77 S. State St., Stanton, MI 48888
January 9, 2024, 8:30 a.m.

- I. **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by Snow at 8:33 a.m.
 - I. **Directors Present:** Noll, Mark, Sabin, Wyckoff
 - II. **Absent:** Welder, Assoc. Director J. Johansen
 - III. **Staff Present:** Hayes, Silveus, Snow
 - IV. **Other:** Assoc. Director S. Aagaard
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. **Designate officers for 2024:** Motion by Wyckoff to keep the 2024 officer positions the same as in 2023 with Bruce Noll as Chairman, Chris Mark as Vice Chairman, and Mark Sabin as Treasurer. Noll declined, asking to step down, and motioned to nominate Jed Welder as Chairman, Chris Mark as Vice Chairman, and Mark Sabin as Treasurer, seconded by Wyckoff. Ayes: Mark, Sabin, Wyckoff, Noll. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- IV. **Establish 2024 Meeting Schedule:** Motion by Noll to keep the 2024 meeting schedule the same as in 2023 with meetings occurring monthly on the second Tuesday at 8:30 a.m., seconded by Sabin. Ayes: All. Motion carried.
- V. **Public Comment:** N/A
- VI. **Recognition of Guest(s):** N/A
- VII. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion by Sabin to approve agenda as presented, seconded by Noll. Ayes: All. Motion carried.
- VIII. **Approval of Consent Items:**
 - **Minutes of November 7, 2023 Meeting**
 - **Staff/Agency Reports**
 - **District Manager**
 - **FAP Forester - Vacant**
 - **Conservation Program Technician**
 - **Resource Recovery / Conservation Program Technician**
 - **MAEAP - Vacant**
 - **NRCS**
 - **Produce Safety Technician**
 - **MDARD**Motion by Noll to approve consent items as presented, seconded by Wyckoff. Ayes: All. Motion carried.
- IX. **Approval of Treasurer's Report:** Motion by Sabin to approve Treasurer's Report as presented, seconded by Wyckoff. Ayes: All. Motion carried.
- VIII. **Correspondence:** Snow stated that Busy Bee's brought in gifts and a thank you card. A thank you for the annual meeting was put in the Greenville paper. A get-well card for John Johansen was passed around to be signed.
- IX. **Officer Reports:**
 - Chairman:** Noll congratulated Snow and staff for their efforts at the annual meeting and Sabin's auctioneering.



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Vice Chairman: Mark noted that the annual meeting was great and he enjoyed seeing new faces.

Treasurer: Sabin stated the annual meeting was fantastic. He also noted that Carson City's compactors are open.

X. Reports:

Director Wyckoff: Wyckoff gave kudos for the annual meeting and stated he liked sitting out in the audience. He also stated that FRWC was coming up.

Director Welder: N/A

Assoc. Director Aagaard: Aagaard said WMCN was setting up monthly events and she would get a schedule to the board.

Assoc. Director Johansen: N/A

Chris Johnston County Commissioner: N/A

MDARD – Jack Knorek: Wyckoff stated that the MDARD report was overwhelming. Snow noted that Dan is reducing time and Rivka will be filling in.

NRCS: N/A

Friends of Montcalm Conservation District: N/A

XI. Old Business:

Review Planning Calendar: Wyckoff mentioned that he and Sabin need to start evaluation process. Sabin noted he completed it in November 2023. Noll asked when tree/plant order forms would be complete. Snow stated they would be sent out mid-February with sales beginning in April. Spring Tire and Electronics will be held on Saturday, May 4 at the Pierson Landfill and Spring HHW will be Saturday, May 18 at Greenville Fairgrounds. Sabin also noted that Central Sanitary Landfill lost out on a contract which will cut income in half. He stated that the Solid Waste Committee voted to work off fund balance for one year.

Forest Maintenance/Projects: N/A

Annual Meeting:

1. Proceeds – Scholarship fund: Snow said we made \$2,400 total. Wyckoff motioned to put the money towards two \$1,000 scholarships, seconded by Noll. Ayes: All. Motion carried.
2. VFW Food Pantry: 236 items were donated. Noll suggested adding monetary donations as an option for next year.

XII. New Business:

PA 116: Snow received an application from Paul Main Trust. Noll motioned to place the application on file, seconded by Sabin. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

Establish 2024 mileage rate – 2024 IRS rate = \$0.67/mile: Sabin motioned to adopt the IRS mileage rate for 2024, seconded by Noll. Ayes: All. Motion carried.

XIII. Public Comment: Wyckoff asked if we wanted to be involved in 2024 politics or sponsor a forum. Noll stated we should stay neutral. Sabin noted a recycling presentation



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on February 21 at White Pine District Library and a soil health presentation in March. Snow stated she would be doing a native plant presentation in late February. Mark mentioned having more signage at sales. Noll suggested a brochure on the pluses and minuses of spring and fall plantings. Snow noted that tree/plant sale total profits were \$13,250 in the spring and \$1,400 in fall. She also stated she is working on scheduling an audit. Snow said she is still searching for a forester and hopes to have interviews soon.

XIV. Adjournment: Motion by Wyckoff to adjourn meeting, seconded by Noll. Ayes: All. Motion carried. Vice Chairman Mark declared meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

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Date _____

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