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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The regular meeting was called to order by Board Chair Brines at 7:01 p.m. on Thursday, April 18, 2024.

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Shannon Brines
Matt Nolan
Maegen Gabriel
Hannah Weber
Tom Shanahan

DIRECTORS ABSENT

OTHERS PRESENT

Jill Dohner, Co-Interim Executive Director
Deborah Shad, Co-Interim Executive Director (virtual)
Molly Eassa, Executive Assistant
Michelle Jackson, prospective Executive Director candidate.

MEETING MINUTES

March Meeting Minutes EDIT: Approve not 'remove' conservation plans. Motion by Weber to approve March minutes, Shanahan seconded. Motion carried.

April Special Meeting Minutes Correction: Gabriel and Shanahan not present. Nolan moves to approve Special Meeting minutes. Gabriel seconded. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

No committee reports. Finance Committee meeting in May.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Total Assets	1,084,784.25
Total Liabilities & Equity	1,084,784.25
Total Monthly Income	80,582.65
Total Monthly Expense	1,943.48
Total Other Income	80,582.65
Total Monthly Net Income	389,150.15

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Motion by Nolan to approve bills. Weber seconded. Motion carried.

FARMLAND AGREEMENTS & CONSERVATION PLANS

Farmland Agreements: NONE

Conservation Plans: Robyn Burnham, brush management.

Motion to approve from Weber, seconded by Nolan. Motion carried.

STAFF & PARTNER REPORTS

WCCD Co-Interim Executive Director, Jill Dohner & Deborah Shad

Hiring process for new ED, millage, grants, MAEAP. Busy month. FOIA request.

WCCD MIFarmLink Specialist, Jill Dohner

Regional representatives and resources connections- in the upper peninsula.

- Volunteers

Website content for MIFarmLink

- Trilby for grant development

Quarterly e-newsletter! Subscriptions increased.

WCCD Resource Coordinator, Doug Reith

Leadership delegation for tree sale

Mock-ups for WCCD website- board would like to see next meeting.

WCCD Community Forester, Summer Roberts

Possible partnerships with Millcreek watershed.

Surveys and outreach discussion

- Nolan offers to help with outreach efforts.

WCCD MAEAP Technician, Nick Machinski

Need more context for Agricultural inventory.

- One-time presentation or paper of all the grant projects he's working on.
 - o Community needs access to this too.

WCCD Outreach Coordinator, Dru Mark Wilson

Tabling events

WCCD MCSFP Specialist, Megan Phillips Goldenberg

Washtenaw is representing well.

OLD BUSINESS

Resolution letter draft sent to county last meeting.

- Draft letter to MACD in solidarity
 - o Disapprove letter- need a broader vision for CD funding from state.
 - o Letter came from Rivka (interim MACD director)
 - To be sent to state representatives.

- New proposed sentence from Chair Brines: *we believe in a broader conservation funding on a state level.*
- Send out soon to show our support. Needs language change, one page paper.
- Edit via shared google document.
 - Pre-approved letter- Gabriel motions to accept the sentiments of the letter for MAEAP technicians to be amended and approved, to be sent to state representatives and MACD. Weber seconded.
 - 5 yays no nays, motion carried.
 - Further discussion required.
 - Email to Nolan

NEW BUSINESS

- Millage request for renewal approved by county commissioners.
- Michigan DNR “wild talk podcast” – good outreach opportunity.
- Grant cheat sheet for BOD binders- next month.
- Additions to agenda Climate smart hire topic
- Climate smart tech hires: budget for 2 new hires in September.
 - Should be moved up for the hire to happen sooner for climate smart tech support.
 - More formal amendment for next meeting.
- Transparency:
 - HR portion and millage percentage of funding for position instead.
 - Bills & expenditures go on website.
 - Motion by Nolan, Weber seconded. Motion carried.
- Zoom capacity: discussion about approving more Zoom.
- Many hands, discussion networking opportunity.

CLOSED SESSION:

Motion by Gabriel for closed session to discuss Executive Director interviews and prospective candidate, seconded by Brines. Roll call, all 5 yays. To be kept on file for one year.

SESSION CLOSED AT 8:49pm

Motion by Nolan to begin open session, Shanahan seconded.

NEXT MEETING:

Special Board Meeting: Wednesday, May 1st at 6:00pm.

Monthly Board Meeting: Thursday, May 16th at 7:00pm.

OATH OF OFFICE

ADJUOURNMENT: 9:42pm.

THESE MINUTES STAND TO BE APPROVED.

MINUTES APPROVED

APPROVAL SIGNATURE:

