

ANTRIM CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING APPROVED MEETING MINUTES for February 16, 2024 4pm

Call meeting to order by Chairman at 4:00pm

Attendance Board/Partners/Staff/Public

Board Members Present: ___X_Bryan Smith _X__Adrienne Wolff _X__ Kathleen Peterson ___X_Randy Johnson ___ Zach Gosnell

Board Members Absent: ___Bryan Smith ___Adrienne Wolff ___ Kathleen Peterson ___Randy Johnson __X_ Zach Gosnell (no contact)

Staff: Melissa Zelenak, Angie Les (partial)

Partners: Jim Pawlowicz, MDARD and Lauren Shaffner, MEAEP

Agenda Review and Approval: motion by Wolff, second by Peterson, motion carries 4-0

Staff, Partner, and Committee Reports:

Public Comment: n/a

Staff written reports submitted: Soil Erosion, Forestry, Program Coordinator, Executive Director. MDARD written report submitted and commented that the State may cut CD funding and change MEAEP employee status; MAEAP written report submitted and comments that focus is currently on fruit producers and helping with the ACD Farmers Resource Fair, and that there are upcoming Ag Chemical Waste Recycle days coming up on June 25 and August 27; Food Safety written report submitted; NRCS on maternity leave. *Motion by Peterson, second by Johnson, to accept monthly reports, motions carries 4-0*

Approval of January 24, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes, motion by Wolff, second by Johnson, motion carries 4-0

Financial Review and Requests: Motion to approve the financials for January 2024 by Wolff, second by Peterson, roll call: Peterson-Yes, Wolff-Yes, Johnson-Yes, Gosnell-absent, and Smith-Yes, motion carries 4-0.

Grant Updates: 2024 MDARD Ops Grant in progress, see Program Coordinator for CAKE Grant Status, EGLE/TRP Grant in progress

New Business: Board of Directors stipends to be \$75 per board meeting starting March 2024 while moving the meeting time to 3pm in order to have extended discussion time during the meetings, motion by Peterson, second by Wolff, for Roll call: Peterson-Yes, Wolff-Yes, Johson-Yes, Gosnellabsent, and Smith-Yes, motion carries 4-0. Zelenak to present to the Antrim County Board of Commissioners on April 4 regarding the Recycling Contract termination or renewal at the 10am meeting. Director Wolff asked about the status of the soil erosion contract to which Zelenak replied that notice was given to the county via email on January 15, 2024. Zelenak to draft a formal letter to be signed by the board chair to confirm soil erosion and recycling contract changes.

Old Business/Updates: Forestry book status, final review in process now, ideally printing in March

Roundtable: n/a

Upcoming: Zelenak away on scholarship training trip February 20-29th

Motion to adjourn by Johnson, second by, Wolff, motion carries 4-0.

Minutes prepared by Zelenak February 16, 2024