



DELTA CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 22nd, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 2:02 P.M. on March 22nd, 2023, at the Chamber of Commerce Bldg., 1001 N Lincoln Rd, Escanaba, MI 49829, by Delta Conservation District Chairman Jim Yoder.

Directors Present: Dan McNamee, David Nelson, Russ Ross, Bob VanDamme & Jim Yoder

Staff Present: Rory Mattson, Holly Moss, Lyndsey Johnston & Steve Wery

Additions to Agenda: Vicki Micheau shared some comments of events happening in Delta County and spoke of the great partnership with the Delta Conservation District.

Approval of Minutes: Nelson motioned to approve the February 8th, 2023, minutes; McNamee second; motion carried.

Approval of Treasurer Reports: Ross motioned to approve the February Treasurer report; VanDamme second; motion carried.

County Commissioner Report: Commissioner Barron gave verbal county updates.

Board Member Reports: Ross introduced himself to the audience since he had been on vacation for a few months.

CEO Report and Updates: Mattson gave verbal updates.

Old Business:

- A. **Tree Sale** – tree sale is off to a rough start, not a big supply of trees available. Customers in CSP will have a fall pickup. Sent postcards to customers about catalog being available on website. Sale pickup dates April 28th & 29th.

New Business:

- A. FOIA - Mattson gave update on FOIA requests.
- B. New CD Monthly Board Meeting Schedule - VanDamme motioned to change the meeting time from 6:00 pm to 2:00 pm starting in April and going through September at either the Delta County Service center or another meeting location if not available. In addition, change the June meeting from the 14th to the 21st; Nelson second; motion carried.
- C. CD Election Date – Due to the District Election not being certified by MDARD, VanDamme motioned to have a special election on June 21st from 4 to 8pm. Election place to be determined. Ross seconded motion; motion carried. A policy for absentee ballots for the election will be discussed at the April meeting and any other related item; Nelson second; motion carried.
- D. CEO Employment Agreement Extension – Mattson asked to have his current employment agreement extended to May 15th, 2023. Ross motioned to extend the current agreement with Mattson and the Conservation District until May 15th, 2023; Nelson second; motion carried.
- E. **Approval Bills & Expenditures** – Ross motioned to approve the payment of bills and expenditures; VanDamme second; motion carried.

Staff Correspondence, MDARD Partner Report and NRCS Correspondence: No staff or NRCS correspondence; MDARD Partner Report was included in board packets.

General Public Comment – Park Management Advisory Board; FOIA; ADA compliance; CEO Employment Agreement Extension; and Delta County Forest.

CD Directors and or CEO Comments – Mattson addressed public comments.

Adjourned - *Adjourned at 3:31 P.M.*

Respectfully submitted by Holly Moss

These minutes were approved April 12th, 2023.