



DELTA CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 12th, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 2:01 P.M. on April 12th, 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 & Jim Yoder

Staff Present: Rory Mattson & Holly Moss

Additions to Agenda: None. Ross motioned to approve the agenda; Nelson second; motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Nelson motioned to approve the March 22nd, 2023, minutes; McNamee second; motion carried.

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

County Commissioner Report: Commissioner Barron gave verbal county updates.

Board Member Reports: None

CEO Report and Updates: Mattson gave verbal updates.

Old Business:

- A. **Tree Sale** – Tree sale orders are coming in. Mattson suggested renting a small trailer for picking up trees instead of the usual large U-Haul. Pickup of tree orders from nurseries are much smaller this year. Breakdown of trees will start on April 25th. Sale pickup dates April 28th & 29th.
- B. **Wells Sewer & Water Project** – Mattson gave an update. Project is making progress.
- C. **Parks Reservation System** – Reservation started on April 11th. Campspot reservation system is up and running for both campgrounds. Had over 450 reservations on opening day. Have heard nothing but good things from campers about the new reservation system.
- D. **CD Election Criteria** – Reaffirmed the election on June 21st from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm; Ross motioned to set election criteria according to District Law timetables - election petitions: due at office April 21, by 4 p.m.; newspaper posting: May 6; and absentee ballots: available May 8. Absentee ballots must be in the office by the day of election. Absentee ballots may be requested in person or by mail, no request by email. Nelson second; motion carried.

New Business:

- A. **County Agreement through December 31st** – McNamee motioned to give Mattson the authority to write up an agreement between the Conservation District and County of Delta; send to CD Directors for any changes and then present to the County at their April 18th meeting; Ross second; motion carried.
- B. **FOIA Appeal** – Mr. Kaplan spoke to the board about the reasoning behind his appeal. After discussion was held, Mr. Kaplan agreed to wait on being refunded for his appeal so the district can get more information on the FOIA charging fees process.
- C. **Approval of Bills & Expenditures** – Ross motioned to approve the payment of bills and expenditures; Nelson second; motion carried.

Staff Correspondence and NRCS Correspondence: No staff or NRCS correspondence.

MDARD Partner Report – Rachel Guth talked about record retention and disposal as MDARD is working with Department of Technology, Management & Budget (DTMB) on this and will pass along to districts when completed.

General Public Comment – None.

CD Directors and or CEO Comments – None.

Adjourned - *Adjourned at 3:16 P.M.*

Respectfully submitted by Holly Moss

These minutes stand approved 5/15/2023.