



DELTA CONSERVATION DISTRICT

6822 US HIGHWAY 2, 41, and M35 - GLADSTONE, MI 49837
(906) 553-7700

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 15th, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 P.M. on May 15th, 2023, at the Chamber of Commerce Bldg., 1001 N Lincoln Rd, Escanaba, MI 49829, by Delta Conservation District Chairman Jim Yoder.

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

Staff Present: Rory Mattson & Holly Moss

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

Approval of Minutes: Nelson motioned to approve the April 12th, 2023 minutes; Ross second; motion carried.

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

County Commissioner Report: Commissioner Barron gave verbal county updates.

Board Member Reports: VanDamme gave appreciation to board members and staff for helping him get up to speed on district activities.

CEO Report and Updates: Mattson gave verbal updates wells sewer project, OB Fuller Bath House upgrade, Campground Firewood, Cruise Ship Forestry Excursion, UP Fairground's bath house, & MACD Conference June 5th & 6th.

Old Business:

- A. **Tree Sale** – Spring sale is over and went well. There is still a fall pickup that needs to be completed. A final report will be given in the fall.
- B. **CD Election** – Absentee ballots were available May 8th. Election day will be June 21st from 4:00pm to 8:00pm at Pioneer Trail Park Pavilion.

New Business:

- A. **County Agreement through December 31st** – VanDamme motioned to accept the extend agreement between the Delta Conservation District and County of Delta until December 31st, 2023; Nelson second; motion carried.
- B. **FOIA** – Mattson has done some research and has a few suggested amendments for the current FOIA policy; he will try to have ready for the June meeting. Mattson discussed the FOIA request about the District General Ledger.
- C. **CEO Agreement** – Nelson motioned to extend the CEO Employment Agreement until December 31st, 2023 and to accept the new submitted agreement by Mattson; Ross second; motion carried.
- D. **2023 Budget Amendments** - Ross motioned to amend the FY2023 Budget Expenditures for Operations by increasing the line item from \$100,000 to \$148,000; increasing the Forestry/Wildlife expenditure line item from \$75,500 to \$100,000; and decreasing the DLA line item from \$73,000 to \$0; Nelson second; motion carried.
- E. **Approval of Bills & Expenditures** – Ross motioned to approve the payment of bills and expenditures; VanDamme second; motion carried.

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

MDARD Partner Report – None

General Public Comment – Public spoke about the Delta County Forest, Wells project, CEO Contract, Absentee ballots, Pioneer Rustic area, and Solar Presentation by MSUE.

CD Directors and or CEO Comments – CEO addressed questions/concerns from public comment.

Adjourned - Adjourned at 6:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Holly Moss; These minutes stand to be approved.



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