

Mar 25, 2022 |  Board meeting

Attendees:

Jenny Leininger
Joseph Draper
Jason Williams
Allison Grimm
Denese Belson
Jarod Harmon
Joseph Letherer
Nadene Berthiaume
Jason Wheeler
Dakota Mackel
Brady Hess

HILLSDALE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

588 Olds Street Building 2

Jonesville, MI 49250

Friday March 25, 2022

@ 9:00am

Waldron Municipal Building

112 E. Center St

Waldron, MI 49288

1. Call meeting to order: Joe Draper called the meeting to order 9:04 am
2. Public Comment

3. Minutes of February meeting: Motion was made by Denese Bleson to accept the February meeting minutes, 2nd by Jason Williams, motion carried.
4. Treasurers reports and bills- Motion was made by Denese Belson to accept the treasurer's report with clarification on \$15.00 service charge. 2nd by Joseph Letherer, motion carried.
5. Programs and Policy: None
6. Old Business:
 - 1) Mileage requirement for employees- Done
 - 2.) Marking of personal vehicles: Nadene is talking with the head of MARD
 - 3) Tire Grant- \$16,000 which equals 8 trailers-Send a letter for Tire collection, Jefferson township call. July 22, 2022, County road commision
 - 4) Stream Monitoring startup grant-Nothing back on that one yet
 - 5) GreenStone Property-Jason Wheeler will look into his documentation with the property maps
 - 6) Annual meeting-board elections-
 - 7) Field Day-Denny Pearson farm, August 11, Speaker Ray Archuletta.-Tri State event, Williams county, Fulton county, Branch County, St. Joseph County, Dekalb County, Steuben County, waiting to hear if their board approved.
 - 8) Nutrient ag day- @ Stoney Ridge Farms Waldron, MI August 18, 2022. Planning is going great.
 - 9) Annual meeting/ with Farm Bureau @Nutrien Ag Solutions, Reading, MI - September 17, 2022.- Work on after project Red
 - 10) Remote work policy-MACD is working on one
 - 11) Grain Plain drill/tree planter-maintenance, Quote from Norm's to put tires on the grain drill \$930.00. Morgans welding, Rapid in Pioneer, Imperial weld, for tree planters.
 - 12) Conservation around the county- Maple syrup was a good one.
 - 13) Farm Bureau Legislative Seminar Feb. 22- Jenny Attended-Done
 - 14) PA-116- Nadene is going to check with the state on protical.

7. New Business:

1. Jarod Harmon-Mid-Michigan Land Conservancy, Board driven for a long time. To do more conservation easements, over 400 acres already, 150 in camden working on. Get all the preserves MAEAP Verify on all the properties. Targeting Hillsdale County to get more easements. Maybe do a workshop with conservation round the county.
2. John Switzer: Update, 6 months to come back to see where the partnership goes. 75% open, Board meetings can start up but if the office shuts down will have to change it.

3. Tire Collection-July 22-

4. Tri County Soil Workshop-March 18th- Went very well, 60 ish people came. Rick Clark did a great job, climatology was great. The Farmer Panel was great with Rick Clark asking questions to the farmers in the area who are doing the practices.

5. Conservation Round the County-

May 20- Greenhouse rainwater pong, soil scientist Friday evening

June- Garlic regenerative homesteading, and small grains

August-Denny Perason, Stoney Ridge Farm

September- Forestry

Calendar for next meeting

6. Mileage rate increase-availability to use government vehicles- Nadene said the state is looking to up the mileage rate for customers. Documents from Albert Jones in regards to agreement with NRCS and the District. Agreement needs to be on the agenda for next month. Vehicle management tool, mileage before and after you get back.

7. Office update- Monday morning Meeting

8. Annual Employee review- Documentation for annual review. Do evaluations before lunch meetings. Personal committee

9. Jessica Luck- CRP documents for Joe to sign

8. Reports

NRCS- Equip applications, CSP renewals, CSP sign up's, Construction Season, Compliance plans, Brady to so some CRP signup, 2023 expiring CRP grounds will need to be looked at. Cody to help work on CRP ground.

Nadene- Cody's EDP will be waived again for this next reporting. Onboarding with Jenny coming soon. Grant review for MAEAP. Send an Event to her when we have a schedule. MACD Conference June 6-7.

9. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn made by Jason william, 2nd by Joseph Letherer, motion carried