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**Minutes from Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting
January 9th 2023, Meeting held at NRCS, Tawas City, Michigan
Minutes**

Call to order: Meeting opened by S. Czaika at 5:00pm, adjourned at 6:14 pm.

Directors attending: J. McArdle, B. Loeffler, N. Payne, S. Czaika

Absent: M. Lafayette

Associate Directors attending:

Staff Members: Forester R. Williams

Agency Members: K. Dalman

Guests:

Agenda: Motion to accept the agenda made by N. Payne, seconded J. McArdle. PASSED.

Minutes: Motion to approve minutes for November 14, 2022 and December 12, 2022 made by J. McArdle, seconded by N. Payne. PASSED

Financial Report: Motion to accept financial report made by J. McArdle, seconded B. Loeffler. PASSED

Bills: Motion to pay bills made by B. Loeffler, seconded by N. Payne. PASSED

Staff Reports:

Forester: Written- Highlighted his meeting with Audubon of Hale, 3 new QFP verifications, and oak wilt in Omer Cemetery.

MAEAP: S. Larsen: absent

All Staff Reports on file. No Report from MAEAP.

Agency Reports:

NRCS: K. Dalman: written

MDARD: C. Roman absent; No Report

FSA: N/A

All Agency Reports on file

Motion to accept Agency and Staff Reports made by N. Payne, seconded by B. Loeffler. PASSED.

Committee Reports

Chairperson's Report: Written report- S. Czaika highlighted that the next quarterly report for the CD Operating Grant is due April 7th and that we should have our \$16,000 dollars from the CD grant soon (for the initiation and first YF23 quarter.).

Tree Sale: N. Payne informed the board there has been a total of 10 orders to far. We are going to post the flyer on facebook closer to deadline. The deadline will be March 24th. The next flyer will go in the paper on February 15th. We will add Hunter safety and Mushroom dates to the flyer for advertising.

Invasive Species: Porcelain berry has been found in Alcona. We are working with the property owner to remove the vine.

OLD BUSINESS

CD Operations: We are currently waiting for \$16,000 in grant money.

Website: S.Czaika is going to contact Eva McArdle about adding information and minutes to website.

Tire Recycling: Mark Ferguson is willing to help with tire recycling event.

NEW BUSINESS

Perchville: Setup will be Friday Feb 3rd at 5 p.m. Event will be Saturday Feb. 4th 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. J. McArdle has invited 4-H, K-9 Search and Rescue (NEMSR) and IET to have a presence at the booth along with Farm Bureau, ICD, and Russ's forester setup.

More Insurance: N. Payne is going to call Joe Fisher and verify circumstances with Russ working in both counties.

Ingalls Forest:

- Mushroom hunt is scheduled for May 24th at 10:30 a.m.
- Hunter Safety is scheduled for July 20-22nd
- Unique Trails: discussed. **Motion to apply if possible made by N.Payne, seconded by J.McArdle. PASSED**
- Northeast Michigan K-9 Search and Rescue is using Ingalls Forest for training. **Motion to work with NEMSR on future safety events made by J. McArdle, seconded by N. Payne. PASSED**

Public Comment/Correspondence: B. Loeffler discussed the situation of the dams on the AuSable River.

Approved of by S. Czaika, Chairperson
