



Michigan Chapter

Executive Council Teleconference

Friday, November 8, 2019

MINUTES

(“Action Required” Items are in red *italics*)

Call to Order: 10:01 a.m. by Vice President Katie Droscha

Roll Call:

Present:	Katie Droscha	Vice President
	Kelly Goward	Treasurer
	Dan Kesselring	Secretary
	Rebecca Bender	Region 1 Director
	Zachary Curtis	Region 2 Director
	Gerald Miller	Region 3 Director
	Dan Busby	At Large Director
	(7 present – quorum achieved)	

Excused:	Glenn O'Neil	President-elect
	Tim Harrigan	President
	John Freeland	Past President

Absent: None

Others: None

Agenda: Katie asked if there were any additions or corrections to the agenda as presented. Hearing none, Katie declared the agenda approved.

10/4/19 Minutes: The minutes of the previous teleconference were appended to the agenda. Jerry moved to approve the minutes as presented. Zach supported the motion. Motion passed by voice vote.

Treasurer's Report: Kelly had submitted the Treasurer's Report by email. The balances are: General Fund \$3943.85 and Scholarship Fund \$16,172.88. Moved by Dan K., supported by Jerry to approve the Treasurer's Report as submitted. Motion passed by voice vote.

Disbursements: None presented.

Motions approved by email prior to this teleconference: None.

New Business: None.

Old Business: None.

Committee Reports:

Professional Development:

Fall Field Trip: Dan B. reported that about 50 people attended with 8 to 10 vehicles in the carpool. A couple cars went directly to the first stop instead of Shanty Creek. He

said it went well and had a very diverse audience. *Zach volunteered to do a write-up for the newsletter.*

SWCS Sponsored Concurrent Sessions at the MACD Convention: Jerry and Katie reported that 22 were present for the session on web based tools and 32 for the Enhanced? Session. Katie said that they had recorded both sessions and asked if there was a way to get those tapes available on our web-site. *Dan K. said he would look into it.*

Maple River Watershed: Katie reported that she had participated in a teleconference update. She said Glenn O'Neil gave a demonstration of a ranking tool that may be used to track progress. She also said that there is some concern about landowner participation because currently other programs are offering better practice incentive packages than the RCPP was. Consequently, they haven't had any participant sign-ups yet.

ANR Seminar Committee: Jerry reported that the ANR Seminar committee had a Zoom conference on Monday this week, and had made progress on developing ideas for the Seminar. As a result, Tim had contacted Dr. Schaetzel, MSU, to see if he was interested in being a speaker. If yes, his topic is expected to be an overview of soil and environmental features across the State.

Membership and Outreach: Rebecca Bender, Chair, reported that Zach has been doing outreach to students at MSU and they are working on getting an event set-up sometime after the New Years. He is working with SWCS Student Member Holly Pummell.

Newsletter: Rebecca requested newsletter items by November 15.

Communications Intern:

Legislation: Jerry commented briefly on State Legislation, or lack of it. He said that right now there is no budget and no funding for any Conservation District programs.

Scholarship: Zach reported briefly on the status of the Scholarship Program.

Work Plan Update: The Work Plan Items for November and the remainders from previous months were appended to the agenda.

Member Comments: Jerry asked about getting the videos Katie mentioned available for viewing. Kelly said she could set up a Google Drive where the videos could be loaded and then a link could be set up on our website. *Jerry moved to have Kelly set up a Google Drive for the Chapter.* Dan B. supported. Motion passed.

Next Teleconference: 10:00 a.m., Friday, December 6, 2019.

Jerry moved to adjourn and Dan B. supported. Meeting Adjourned at 10:57 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel F. Kesselring, Secretary