



# Michigan Chapter

## Executive Council Teleconference

Friday, July 10, 2020

### MINUTES

(“Action” Items are in red *italics*)

**Call to Order:** 10:02 a.m. by President Tim Harrigan

#### Roll Call:

<b>Present:</b>	Tim Harrigan	President
	Glenn O'Neil	President-elect
	Katie Droscha	Vice President
	John Freeland	Past President
	Dan Kesselring	Secretary
	Kelly Goward	Treasurer
	Rebecca Bender	Region 1 Director
	Zachary Curtis	Region 2 Director
	Gerald Miller	Region 3 Director
	<b>(9 present – quorum achieved)</b>	
<b>Excused:</b>	Dan Busby	At Large Director
<b>Absent:</b>	None	
<b>Others:</b>	Jon Bartholic	

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

**6/5/20 Minutes:** The minutes of the previous teleconference were appended to the agenda. Kelly moved to approve the minutes as presented. Gerald 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 \$4,765.16; and Scholarship Fund \$15,940.89. Moved by Dan K., supported by Katie, 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:

**Chapter Delegate Appointment:** Moved by Kelly to appoint Dan Kesselring the Chapter Delegate and Tim Harrigan as the Alternate. Supported by Gerald. Motion passed by voice vote.

**MiSWCS Annual Meeting:** Moved by Katie, supported by Gerald, to hold a virtual Annual Meeting at 10:00 a.m. on October 27, 2020, followed by an virtual educational session at 11:00

a.m. Kelly will provide a Zoom platform for the events. Motion passed by voice vote. *Katie, Glenn, Zach and Kelly will staff the planning committee.*

**River Raisin Watershed Project Proposal:** Katie would like to have the Chapter support a virtual educational session this summer concerning activities in the Raisin River Watershed Project. Consensus was to proceed with this. *Katie will chair a planning committee. Kelly and Glenn will assist.*

### **Old Business:**

**Newsletter Schedule:** John said he expects to publish the July newsletter by the end of the month, and that any articles should be submitted to him by July 20.

**Nominations Committee appointment progress:** Elaine Brown Bartholic will represent Region 3 and Zach has a Student Member willing to serve for Region 2. Dan K. stated that he had checked the Bylaws and found nothing to suggest that a Student Member wouldn't be eligible to serve on the Nominations Committee. *Rebecca is still trying to recruit someone for Region 1. Dan K. suggested contacting Dan B. for help.*

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **Professional Development:**

**MACD Summer Conference:** Gerald stated that webinars from the virtual Summer Conference were now available on-line at <https://www.macd.org/summer-conference>

**Maple River Watershed RCPP:** Katie and Glenn reported on their progress in developing a recording on the Project to be posted on-line. *Katie will prepare an article for the July newsletter.*

**Systems based planning:** *Zach and Jon will provide a detailed update at the next teleconference.*

**Other:** Gerald also reported that MSU Extension and the Kent Conservation District is hosting a virtual manure management field day at 10 a.m., July 21 at SwissLane Dairy.

**Membership and Outreach:** Rebecca reported.

**Membership Status:** Currently 53 members.

**Legislative:** Gerald reported briefly concerning on-going State of Michigan budget issues, and also on the "Federal Growing Climate Solutions Act" under discussion.

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

#### **Member Comments:**

**Next Teleconference:** *Next teleconference is August 7, 2020, at 10:00 a.m.*

Meeting Adjourned at 11:07 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel F. Kesselring, Secretary