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:
Present: 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
(9 present – quorum achieved)

Excused: Dan Busby At Large Director
Absent: None
Others: 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