



# Michigan Chapter

## Executive Council Teleconference

Friday, March 5, 2021

### MINUTES

(“Action” Items are in red *italics*)

**Call to Order:** 10:05 a.m. by President Glenn O'Neil

#### Roll Call:

<b>Present:</b>	Glenn O'Neil	President
	Tim Harrigan	Past President
	Katie Droscha	Vice President
	Kelly Goward	Treasurer
	Dan Kesselring	Secretary
	Rebecca Bender	Region 1 Director
	Zachary Curtis	Region 2 Director
	Dan Busby	At Large Director
	<b>(8 present – quorum achieved)</b>	
<b>Absent:</b>	Shelby Burlew	President-elect
	Gerald Miller	Region 3 Director
<b>Others:</b>	None	

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

**2/5/2021 Minutes:** The minutes of the previous teleconference were appended to the agenda. Dan Busby moved to approve the minutes as presented. Katie 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 \$4006.56; and Scholarship Fund \$16,760.45. Moved by Rebecca, supported by Zach, to approve the Treasurer's Report as submitted. Motion passed by voice vote.

**Disbursements:** None presented.

**Motions approved by email prior to this teleconference:** 02/09/21 Moved by Dan Kesselring that the Michigan Chapter SWCS Executive Council establish a policy for Michigan Conservation Districts that become International SWCS Conservation Community Members at the \$230 level. That policy shall be: 1) that all employees of the specific Conservation District be eligible to register for Michigan Chapter SWCS events at the Chapter member rate; and 2) that each such member District be eligible to receive the Michigan Chapter SWCS newsletter (1 user). No other Chapter member benefits, such as voting, officer eligibility and committee representation shall apply. Motion supported by Kelly. Votes: Dan Kesselring – aye; Kelly Goward – aye; Gerald Miller – aye; Tim Harrigan – aye; Shelby Burlew – aye;

Zachary Curtis – aye; Katie Droscha – aye; Rebecca Bender – aye. 02/10/21: Motion passed by email vote.

**New Business:** None presented.

**Old Business:** None brought forward.

**Committee Reports:**

**Strategic Planning:** Glenn and Zach reported. Zach had prepared a summary of the current status of the 2014 – 2019 Strategic Plan and posted it on the Chapter Google Drive. *Glenn encouraged the other officers to take a look at Zach's summary.* Glenn reported that the Committee was considering conducting a new membership survey comparable to the one conducted in 2013, but then they learned that SWCS was planning a national membership survey so we would delay our survey to avoid confusion. However, the committee is considering a survey of the Chapter leaders. To be determined is whether the “Chapter Leaders” would just be officers, or if it might include Committee chairs and former officers.

**Professional Development:**

**ANR Seminar Committee:** Glenn reported that some of the immediate feedback on the March 2 and 3 ANR webinars was positive. Kelly reported that there had been very little response to the feedback questionnaire that she had sent attendees, and that most of it was from officers. *She will send a reminder to attendees.*

**Maple River Watershed RCPP and MACD Summer Conference:** Katie reported about MACD training committee meetings and the MACD Summer Conference. Being considered is something focused on the Maple River Watershed RCPP. Also discussed was the possibility of a focus on climate. *Glenn will contact Jeffrey Andresen, State Climatologist, MSU, to see if he would be available to present.*

**Membership and Outreach:**

**Newsletter:** Dan K. reported that John Freeland plans for the Winter newsletter to be out by the end of March, and that the next newsletter will be the June or Spring newsletter.

**Membership Status:** Currently 50 members.

**Legislative:** Jerry was not able to be present, so no report this month.

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

**Member Comments:**

**Next Teleconference:** *Next teleconference is 10:00 a.m. Friday, April 2, 2021.*

Meeting Adjourned at 11:11 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel F. Kesselring, Secretary