



Michigan Chapter

Executive Council Zoom Conference

Friday, October 1, 2021

MINUTES

(“Action” Items are in red *italics*)

Call to Order: 10:01 a.m. by Glenn O'Neil, President

Roll Call:

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| Officers Present: | Glenn O'Neil | President |
| | Tim Harrigan | Past President |
| | Katie Droscha | Vice President |
| | Kelly Goward | Treasurer |
| | Dan Kesselring | Secretary |
| | Rebecca Bender | Region 1 Director |
| | Gerald Miller | Region 3 Director |
| | Dan Busby | At Large Director |
| | (8 Officers present – quorum achieved) | |

Others Present: Jon Bartholic

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| Officers Absent: | Shelby Burlew | President-elect |
| | Zachary Curtis | Region 2 Director |

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

9/3/2021 Minutes: The minutes of the previous conference were appended to the agenda. Katie Droscha moved to approve the minutes as presented. Gerald Miller supported the motion. Motion passed by voice vote.

Treasurer's Report: Kelly Goward had submitted the Treasurer's Report by email. The balances are: General Fund \$5517.18; and Scholarship Fund \$17,651.88. Moved by Miller, supported by Droscha, to approve the monthly Treasurer's Report as submitted. Motion passed by voice vote.

Disbursements: None presented.

Motions approved by email prior to this teleconference: None.

New Business:

Protect your Chapter from copyright trolling: The National Office had notified Chapters of an issue with an entity that is searching the internet for websites using possibly copyrighted material. Glenn described the possible ways this could happen and said that he, Dan Kesselring and Kelly Goward checked on our website, our Facebook page, our YouTube content and our Linked in account and determined that we didn't have anything questionable. We will also need to be sure our newsletter stays clean, along with any other public exposure we may have.

Membership list publication question: Dan K. reported that the Society Headquarters had been suggesting that Chapters should publish their membership lists so people could see who members are. He asked if the officers wanted to do this because the membership list contains a

lot of information including addresses, telephone numbers, email addresses and occupation or employer. After discussion, the consensus was not to publish the list.

Old Business:

MiSWCS Annual Meeting: Moved by Kesselring., supported by Dan Busby, to hold the Chapter Annual Meeting on a date different from the dates of the Michigan Association of Conservation Districts (MACD) virtual Convention in order to avoid overlap with MACD sessions. Moved by Miller, supported by Busby, to amend this motion to add Friday, December 3, as the meeting date, and to hold the Executive Council conference at 9:00 a.m. and the Annual Meeting at 10:00 a.m. Amendment passed by voice vote. Original motion passed by voice vote.

Committee Reports:

Strategic Planning Ad Hoc: Glenn reported that the Committee is working on proposed updates to the Strategic Plan and hopes to have the initial draft done by the next committee meeting.

Nominations Committee update: Glenn reported that the Nominations Committee has found candidates for President-elect, Vice President and Region 3 Director, and are still looking for a representative for Region 1 Director. Dan Busby, current State-Wide Director said that he had been asked if he would move from his current position and run for Region 1 Director, and that he would be willing to do that, as long as the Committee would be able to find a candidate for State-wide Director. The Nominations Committee will be notified.

Professional Development: Gerald Miller, Chair

Systems Based Planning: Jon Bartholic reported briefly.

MACD Fall Convention and MiSWCS participation: Katie reported briefly on the MiSWCS virtual workshop planned.

2022 ANR Seminar: Tim Harrigan reported that the Friday, March 11, 2022, date has been locked in at the Agro-Liquid Conference Facility in St. Johns, and that an initial Seminar Planning Session has been held.

Future Webinar Sessions: Miller suggested that since the Professional Development Committee will be meeting for Seminar planning, they should also discuss this topic at their next Committee meeting.

Membership and Outreach:

Newsletter: The next newsletter should be published soon.

Membership Status: Currently 56 members, a gain of one member since last month.

Legislative: Miller reported that Federal legislative activities are currently tied up with the by-partisan infrastructure plan, the President's additional legislative initiative and legislation to prevent a government shutdown. At the State level, the approved State Budget includes 3 million for Conservation Districts.

Work Plan Update: Items for October were appended to the agenda.

Next EC Conference: Next EC conference is 10:00 a.m. Friday, November 5, 2021.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel F. Kesselring, Secretary