



# Michigan Chapter

## Executive Council Zoom Conference

Friday, April 1, 2022

### MINUTES

(“Action” Items are in red *italics*)

**Call to Order:** 10:01 a.m. by Katie Droscha, President-elect

#### Roll Call:

<b>Officers Present:</b>	Katie Droscha	President-elect
	Glenn O'Neil	Past President
	Kelly Goward	Treasurer
	Dan Kesselring	Secretary
	Dan Busby	Region 1 Director
	Gary Boersen	Region 3 Director
	Steve Schaub	At Large Director
	<b>(7 Officers present – quorum achieved)</b>	
<b>Others Present:</b>	Jon Bartholic	President in 2016
	Tim Harrigan	President in 2020
<b>Officers Absent:</b>	Gerald Miller	Vice President
	Zachary Curtis	Region 2 Director
	Shelby Burlew	President

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

**03/04/2022 Minutes:** The minutes of the previous conference were appended to the agenda. Glenn O'Neil moved to approve the minutes as presented. Gary Boersen supported the motion. Motion passed by voice vote.

**Treasurer's Report:** Kelly Goward had submitted the Treasurer's Report by email. The balances were: General Fund \$6718.46; and Scholarship Fund \$17,090.13. Moved by Glenn O'Neil, supported by Steve Schaub, to approve the monthly Treasurer's Report as submitted. Motion passed by voice vote.

**Disbursements Needing Approval:** None presented.

**Motions approved by email prior to this teleconference:** None

#### New Business:

**Summer Event Question:** Dan K. explained that this is on the agenda because it's in the Annual Work Plan to determine if a summer tour or event will be held. Dan B. and Glenn offered some comments. Dan K. asked if we could explore the possibility of a mixed in-person/filmed tour. Dan Kesselring moved, and Kelly Goward supported, *to assign this summer tour question to the Professional Development Committee*. Motion passed.

**Michigan FFA Land Conservation Contest:** Dan K. explained that the Michigan FFA is planning to resume the Michigan FFA Land Conservation Contest at Michigan State University on April 22. He explained that the Michigan Chapter SWCS History states “*A new Future Farmers of America (FFA) Soil and Water Conservation Activity sponsored by the Michigan SCSA Chapter, the Michigan Farm*

Bureau and its affiliated companies, and the Michigan Association of the Future Farmers of America was started. **The Chapter helped with the first official state-wide FFA land judging contest** which was conducted at Michigan State University in East Lansing.” The Michigan Chapter SCSSA, now SWCS, has coordinated this contest in cooperation with the Michigan FFA and Michigan State University ever since. Dan K. explained that the reason he had wanted this item on the agenda is that the primary two chapter members involved in this are himself and Gaylynn Kinter, both getting older. Dan K. is stressing the need to find one or two newer members to get involved to assure the continuance of this Chapter activity. This could be considered either an Outreach Committee activity, or a Professional Development Committee activity.

### **Old Business:**

**Membership Flier update:** Dan Kesselring raised the question of whether there should be a Michigan Chapter Membership Flier, or whether the new membership fliers now available from Ankeny would be sufficient. Following discussion it was decided a Michigan Chapter flier was desirable. Glenn O'Neil volunteered to be the contact person posted on the flier. *Kelly Goward will update the flier. Glenn volunteered to help with the update.*

### **Committee Reports:**

**Strategic Planning Ad Hoc:** Glenn reported that he will try to get the committee back together again to get the revision completed this month.

### **Professional Development:**

**MACD Summer Conference MiSWCS Breakout Session:** Katie reported that the Professional Development Committee is recommending a session by Chad Kotke, from Trout Unlimited, on successful Two-Stage Ditch projects across Michigan. Moved by Dan Kesselring, supported by Steve Schaub, *to authorize Katie to make arrangements with MACD and Chad Kotke.*

**2022 ANR Seminar Results:** Kelly and Dan K. reported. Kelly reported that not all invoices have come in yet, so the financial results are not yet available. Dan K. had compiled the registrant's feedback sheets and reported that the feedback was mainly positive, especially on the Seminar as a whole.

**Systems Based Planning:** Jon Bartholic gave a brief update of ongoing Committee activities, and that he, Glenn and Zach have joined a new Water Systems Committee that was relevant to the Chapter.

### **Membership and Outreach:** Glenn O'Neil, Chair

**Newsletter:** Glenn reported that a decision is yet to be made on an editor for the newsletter. *Kelly Goward volunteered to take on the task of assembling the newsletter, but would not be responsible for writing articles. Glenn O'Neil volunteered to help with content.*

**Membership Status:** Currently 56 members.

**Legislative:** Miller was unavailable, but had sent an email prior to this conference with detailed information on President Biden's FY 2023 Budget proposal.

**Committee Assignments Review:** The Committee listing was updated 1/30/22 and is available on our Michigan Chapter SWCS [Google Drive](#).

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

**Next EC Conference:** Next EC conference is 10:00 a.m. Friday, May 6, 2022.

Moved by Dan Kesselring, supported by Dan Busby to adjourn this meeting. Meeting Adjourned at 11:11 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel F. Kesselring, Secretary