



Eaton Conservation District

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING, September 28, 2021

Interim Vice-Chairman Montgomery called the September 28, 2021 meeting of the Eaton Conservation District (ECD) to order at 6:15 pm. in the basement conference room at 551 Courthouse Dr., Charlotte, MI. 48813. Those present: Jim Droscha, Deb Montgomery, Holly Schaeffer. Absent: Tom Raymond. Others present: Sue Spagnuolo, Hannah Reynolds.

1. **Agenda Additions and Changes** – Spagnuolo asked to have DCA-11-21-4, and DCA-11-21-5 added to the correspondence. A motion was made, seconded, and moved to accept the agenda with the additions.
2. **Minutes of previous meeting** – a motion made and supported to approve the minutes as printed. Motion carried.
3. **Financial reports** – a motion made and supported to approve the financial reports as printed. Motion carried.
4. **Public Comment (limit to 3 minutes per person)** – no public comment
5. **Business**
 - Spagnuolo gave an update on workplace status. USDA is requiring 25% staff in the office at one time and masks must be worn. The office is still closed to apt. s and walk-ins.
 - Spagnuolo gave grant updates: **MAEAP** – she is updating the position description and will be posting the position after end of FY and end of year reporting. The draft grant agreement has not been received yet. **MWSP** – Spagnuolo will be making an apt. with CIESA and Jack Knorek to review the status of the website. We are still waiting on ‘Trickle’ and the game. We have not received the draft grant agreement yet. **MADA** – The FY 22 grant application was sent to DNR yesterday. **MM-CISMA** – We have a new coordinator, Samantha Strandmark. Grant applications are being worked on now. **MiCorps** – Spagnuolo attended ICD’s water monitoring event and will be attending the MiCorp annual conference virtually in November. We (Olivet College and ECD) are working on our first grant report and will submit it by mid-October. This grant runs until June 2022. **DNR Habitat Grant** – We have not received the final grant agreement yet. **B-Wet** – We should hear about the application sometime in Nov-Dec. 2021.
 - Field Day – Field Day was successful despite the low number in attendance. It was recorded by ALPHA Video and will be available on our You Tube channel. Spagnuolo will contact Ben and see if he can directly upload it to the channel so we don’t run into any uploading issues.
 - Budget Hearing – The FY21 Budget Amendments was submitted to the board for approval. Spagnuolo explained where the extra income came from. A roll call vote was taken: Droscha, yes; Schaeffer, yes; Montgomery, yes. The FY 21 Budget Amendment was approved.
 - The FY22 Budget was submitted to the board for approval. Spagnuolo explained that because only one grant agreement is in place (MI-Corp) and no draft agreements have been received that the budget is based off of previous years agreements. Discussion held. A Roll call vote was taken: Droscha, yes; Montgomery, yes; Schaeffer, yes. The FY22 Budget was approved.
 - Miscellaneous – Details of River Conservation Day were discussed. Montgomery will be able to attend and discussion was held concerning cleaning up the wild raspberries by the rain garden. Montgomery has had discussion with the Greater Lansing Food Bank and they are willing to put announcements we may have in their newsletters. We have donated berries and fruit trees to them for several years. We are attending a grape vine clean up at an Eaton Rapids Park on Sunday, Oct. 3rd with MI. Forest Association.

6. **Staff reports** – Staff gave their reports. Reynolds updated the board on her discussions with her MADA committee researching new ways to promote Arbor Day. She also gave an update on the MWSP Augmented Reality Sandbox. Spagnuolo will check with the Steve Barnett on the possibility of getting more basement storage space so we have a place for the ARS cart when it is completed.
7. **NRCS report** – no NRCS report
8. **MDARD report** – The September report was reviewed at the August meeting
9. **Correspondence**
 - MACD 2022 membership – motion made, seconded, and approved to submit a platinum (\$1000) membership.
 - CU-10-21-8, Jackson - approved with recommendations to refer to Michigan's 2021 Manure Management and Utilization GAAMPs.
 - CU-10-29-9, Miller - approved
 - DCA-11-21-4, Text Amendment, Eaton Community Palliative Care, Inc. – approved
 - DCA -11-21-5, Map Amendment, Eaton Community Palliative Care, Inc. - approved
 - Next meeting October 26, 2021 @ 6 pm.
10. **Public Comment (limit to 3 minutes per person)** – no public comment
11. **Adjourn** – meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm.

Respectively submitted,

Sue Spagnuolo
Executive Director

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