

# Michigan Board of Foresters – Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 30, 2020  
1732 West M-32, Gaylord, MI  
8:30-9:30 am

Meeting called to order at 8:33 am eastern time

## 1. Roll Call

- a. Present: Jerry Grossman, Joyce Angel, Brenda Haskill, Todd Penrose, Jim Schmierer, Melinda Jones
- b. Absent: Bill Botti

## 2. Approval of the agenda

So moved by Jim to approve the agenda with additions as noted to include a discussion on experience requirements for applicants under New Business. Motion supported by Melinda. All ayes. Motion carried.

## 3. Approval of the minutes from October 9, 2019 board meeting.

Minutes of the October 9, 2019 board meeting are tabled and will be reviewed and approved at the March 5, 2020 board meeting.

## 4. Public comment

Let the record show there were no public in person or on the phone at this time.

## 5. Old Business

- a. Financial update: The 2020 starting fund balance is \$13,410 and the staff wages and benefits that may need to be paid from the fund balance for the 2019 calendar year is \$7,053.56. Now that the program is fully operational, this amount should be considerably lower in 2020.
- b. Todd provided a price quote he obtained from Bennett Media in Marquette for development and printing of 500 two-sided promotional cards. The quote is \$770.58 and includes 6 hours of layout and design. Brenda will check to see if we need to have any approvals from DNR before going forward. Brenda will also start an email thread for board input on what are key points to put on the card.
- c. The continuing education policy will be reviewed again during the March 5, 2020 meeting.

## 6. New Business

- a. So moved by Joyce to approve the 2019 annual report of the program as amended with notations for the outreach done during 2019. Motion supported by Melinda. All ayes. Motion carried. Jerry will

make the amendments and provide a copy to the board and the Forest Resources Division Chief Deb Begalle per the stipulation of PA118 of 2018.

- b. New applications from Anthony Hitch and Matthew Wiitanen were reviewed.  
So moved by Todd to approve the applications from Hitch and Wiitanen to become Registered Foresters. Motion supported by Jim. All ayes. Motion carried.
- c. The executive committee will work with the DNR legal division regarding the program participation of the registered forester serving a felony conviction in Michigan.
- d. The March 5, 2020 board meeting will be both in person and web/skype based with conference call. The Gaylord DNR Customer Service Center main conference room will be used, and Brenda will make sure Skype screen share is functional for those board members who are unable to attend.
- e. Board reviewed the upcoming outreach activities for the next 3 months.
- f. Further discussion will take place on the experience requirements portion of the program at the March 5, 2020 meeting.

## 7. Public Comment

Let the record show there were no public in person or on the phone at this time.

## 8. Adjourn

So moved by Brenda to adjourn the meeting at 9:27 am. Motion supported by Todd. All ayes. Motion carried.

(Approved by the Board of Foresters on March 5, 2020.)