Michigan Board of Foresters

Meeting Minutes

Location: Grayling DNR Customer Service Center, 1955 Hartwick Pines Rd., Grayling, MI 49738
And Teams/Conference call line

Date: February 23, 2026

Time: 2:00pm

Agenda note:

If you would like to provide public comment in writing, please email HaskillB@Michigan.gov or call 989-370-9557

I. Online Meeting Link Option: HERE or call-in +1 248-509-0316 code 270 906 321#

Agenda details:

II. Call to Order (reminder that all meetings are now recorded)
   a. Meeting called to order by Chairman Grossman at 2:03pm

III. Roll Call
   a. Present: Gerald Grossman, Joyce Angel, Todd Penrose, Melinda Jones, Julia Burton, Brenda Haskill, DNR Staff support Matt Watkeys
   b. Absent: Emily Silver
   c. Guests: None

IV. Approval of Agenda
   a. Motion to approve agenda as presented by Joyce, seconded by Brenda. Motion carried

V. Approval of Meeting Minutes from January 26, 2026
   a. Motion to approve meeting minutes from January as presented by Brenda, seconded by Todd. Motion carried

VI. Public Comment
   a. N/A

VII. Old Business
    a. False business advertising of staff members being current Registered Foresters – status?
        i. Letter is approved by the Chairperson and will be sent immediately, with a phone call follow up

    b. Advertisements for 2026 – recap and confirmations
        i. Michigan Out of Doors (MUCC) - $600, per ½ page ad – confirmed 2 ads for 2026, spring and fall
        ii. Michigan Outdoor News - $823 (provided best 13x rate), per ½ page ad – confirmed 2 ads for 2026, spring and fall
        iii. Michigan Forest Association - $540, per ½ page ad – confirmed 4 ads for 2026 per quarterly publication
        iv. Radio Results Network – wants to know what our budget is for a potential Statewide Marketing campaign – tabled

VIII. New Business
    a. New applicants
        i. Jason DeMoss
            1. Tabled for further discussion and upon future communication with Jason

    b. 2025 Annual Report
        i. Motion to approve 2025 Annual Report as amended and with ability to adjust as needed and for accessibility made by Brenda, seconded by Joyce. Motion carried

IX. Public Comment
    a. Comment by Jerry Grossman about an update from the Association of Consulting Foresters (ACF) with their intention to recommend Paul Drysdale for Board appointment

X. Adjournment
    a. Consensus to adjourn at 2:39pm