# Michigan Board of Foresters

## Approved Meeting Minutes

Location: Marquette DNR Customer Service Center, 1990 US Highway 41 S., Marquette, MI 49855
And Teams/Conference call line

## Date: January 26, 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, Melinda Jones, Todd Penrose, Brenda Haskill, Emily Silver, Julia Burton (joined at 2:11pm), DNR Staff support Matt Watkeys
    b. Absent: None
    c. Guests: None

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

V. Approval of Meeting Minutes from October 9, 2025
    a. Motion to approve meeting minutes from October as presented by Todd, seconded by Emily. Motion carried

VI. Public Comment
    a. N/A

VII. Old Business
    a. None

VIII. New Business

a. New applicants
    i. None

b. False business advertising of staff members being current Registered Foresters
    i. Discussion of website found that is wrongly advertising their staff as Registered Foresters. Executive Committee will continue to pursue attempts to contact the business for resolution, or if needed, a cease-and-desist letter to the business

c. Program Financials update
    i. Matt and Brenda provided a brief rundown of account balances, expenses and income from 2025

d. Renewal cycle and online dues payments discussion
    i. Information presented about online eChecks and credit card payments for 2026 RF renewals, as well as a discussion on the $20 rebate per each sponsored event attendance.

e. Advertisements for 2026
    i. Discussion on print advertisement options for 2026. Motion to approve quantity of 2 - ½ page ads in Michigan Out of Doors (no change since 2025), quantity of 2 – ½ page ads in Michigan Outdoor News, and quantity of 4 – ½ page ads in MFA quarterly magazine (up from ¼ page sized ads in 2015) made by Brenda, seconded by Joyce. Motion carried
    ii. NEW FOR DISCUSSION: Radio Results Network - $2,000 per month per station for quantity of 100 - 30 second ads. Option tabled

f. Sponsorships for 2026
    i. Discussion on partner organization events to provide sponsorships to for 2026. Motion to approve $500 for each of the following meetings: Michigan SAF Spring, Michigan SAF Fall,

Association of Consulting Foresters, and the Sustainable Forestry Conference. Seconded by Melinda. Motion carried.
International Society of Arboriculture meeting sponsorship tabled.

g. 2026 Board of Foresters Meeting Schedule
    i. Consensus to adopt 2026 Board of Foresters schedule as presented (4th Monday of each month at 2pm, locations rotating between Marquette DNR CSC, Grayling DNR FO, and in-person at Michigan Fall SAF Meeting in Marquette).

IX. Public Comment
    a. N/A

X. Adjournment
    a. Consensus to adjourn at 3:05pm