



MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

MINUTES
December 1, 2021

MSU Veterinary Diagnostic Center
Lansing, Michigan

Chair McDonough called the meeting of the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) Board of Trustees (Board) to order at 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, December 1, 2021, and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

I. INTRODUCTIONS

The following Board members were present:

Erin McDonough, Chair; from the City of Williamston, Ingham County
Sam Cummings, Vice-Chair; from the City of Grand Rapids, Kent County
Steve Hamp; from the City of Ann Arbor, Ingham County (participated virtually)
Bill Rustem; from Alaieton Township, Ingham County
Dan Eichinger, DNR Director; from the Village of Lake Isabella, Isabella County

Dan Lord, Grants Management Section Manager, Department of Natural Resources (DNR), introduced himself and welcomed all guests to the first live-streamed meeting of the Board. The following staff also introduced themselves: Jon Mayes, MNRTF Grants Program Manager; Mike Chuff, MNRTF Financial Specialist; Andrea Stay, Lindsay Ross, Merrie Carlock, and Alexandria McBride, Grant Coordinators; and Erik Eklund, Chief Budget Officer.

Also participating were various staff members of the DNR and other interested parties.

II. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FOR MEETING OF OCTOBER 20, 2021

Chair McDonough called for adoption of the minutes for the October 20, 2021, MNRTF Board meeting.

**MOVED BY RUSTEM, SUPPORTED BY CUMMINGS, TO ADOPT THE
MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 20, 2021, MNRTF BOARD MEETING.
MOTION PASSED WITHOUT DISSENTING VOTE.**

III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA FOR MEETING OF DECEMBER 1, 2021

Chair McDonough called for the adoption of the agenda for the December 1, 2021, MNRTF Board meeting.

**MOVED BY EICHINGER, SUPPORTED BY RUSTEM, TO ADOPT THE
AGENDA FOR THE DECEMBER 1, 2021, MNRTF BOARD MEETING.
MOTION PASSED WITHOUT DISSENTING VOTE.**

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chris Bunch, Executive Director, Six Rivers Land Conservancy
TF21-0138 – Belle River Acquisition, Marine City (St. Clair County) and New Spending

Chris Bunch commented in support of the Belle Isle/Marine City acquisition (TF21-0138) in St. Clair County, an economic development and natural resource access project in the downtown area.

MNRTF Grant Request:	\$272,000	(74%)
Matching Funds:	\$ 96,000	(26%)
Total Project Cost:	\$368,000	

He was also glad to see that Casco Township (St. Clair County) received a Recreation Passport grant to continue moving their project forward.

Chris also thanked the Board members and department staff for their continued efforts, and commented that he looks forward to the new spending plan and how that will give the Board more latitude to distribute additional funding for projects around the state.

Kyle Thornton, Clinton County Parks and Greenspace Coordinator; and Dr. Dwight Washington, Clinton County Commissioner – District 6
TF21-0032 – Pratt Road Property Acquisition, Clinton County Parks (Clinton County)

Kyle Thornton addressed the Board in support of the Pratt Road Property acquisition (TF21-0032) in Clinton County. They are trying to add a third park to the southern part of Clinton County where the bulk of the population resides. They are transforming old gravel quarries into outdoor natural spaces that offer fishing, hunting and other recreational opportunities. In a survey of park participants, 56% were from outside of the county.

Dr. Washington commented that Motz Park in Clinton County is a universally accessible park that many around the state use because of its accessible features. It is also an example to other communities on how to design a universally accessible park. He further commented that the health benefits from parks and outdoor spaces is immense and asked for the Board's support of this project.

MNRTF Grant Request:	\$439,900	(50%)
Matching Funds:	\$439,900	(50%)
Total Project Cost:	\$879,800	

John Frazier, Grant Writer/Adviser, Sanilac County Parks Commission
TF21-0183 – Forester Park Accessible Playground Renovation Project (Sanilac County)

John Frazier provided information (handout) to the Board asking for their support in funding the Forester Park Accessible Playground Renovation project (TF21-0183) in Sanilac County. They started Phase I of the accessible playground project in 2012. Phase II is twice as large as Phase I, which will replace non-compliant features such as playground equipment, picnic tables, park benches, etc. to complete the universally accessible playground. They also had an accessibility assessment completed in 2019, and Forester Park is the only park that offers accessible features along M-25 in Sanilac County.

Director Eichinger commended Sanilac County for coming up with a 50% match. He knows how difficult it is to raise those funds and congratulated them on making that commitment. John responded they are a small community and have been working on raising the match since 2012.

MNRTF Grant Request:	\$ 80,200	(50%)
Matching Funds:	\$ 80,200	(50%)
Total Project Cost:	\$160,400	

Michael Kelly, Director, Great Lakes Office – The Conservation Fund
TF21-0033 – Kawkawlin River Access Improvements, Monitor Charter Township (Bay County); and TF21-0022 – Lake Huron Coastal Preserve Acquisition, Alabaster Township (Iosco County)

Michael Kelly addressed the Board in support of the Kawkawlin River Access Improvement project (TF21-0033) in Bay County. The Kawkawlin River is a direct tributary to Saginaw Bay and is a regional recreation destination for fishing and kayaking, but it only has one usable public access site. They plan to include bank stabilization, a boat/kayak launch, fishing access, and improve access to the river and Saginaw Bay.

MNRTF Grant Request:	\$269,400	(60%)
Matching Funds:	\$182,000	(40%)
Total Project Cost:	\$451,400	

He also addressed the Board in support of the Lake Huron Coastal Preserve acquisition (TF21-0022) in Iosco County. The project includes two parcels totaling 144 acres along US-23 in Iosco County, with 4,058 feet of Lake Huron frontage. Huron Pines was instrumental in acquiring this property from U.S. Gypsum. It also sits adjacent to the Iron Belle Trail.

MNRTF Grant Request:	\$1,700,000	(67%)
Matching Funds:	\$ 832,000	(33%)
Total Project Cost:	\$2,532,000	

Mike Smith, Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) Alternatives Program Manager
TF21-0060 – Milton Road into Alanson Trail Acquisition, Littlefield Township (Emmet County)

Mike Smith addressed the Board in support of the Milton Road into Alanson Township Trail acquisition (TF21-0060) in Emmet County. He commented that the DNR and MDOT work together to coordinate efforts on projects to seek funding from the MNRTF and the Transportation Alternatives programs. This project is an opportunity to coordinate road improvements with the replacement of the trail to alleviate drainage problems that are causing flooding in the area. MDOT will demolish the existing trail and rebuild it nearby at no cost to the township as part of the reconstruction of US-31. This project would also move the trail off the road and improve safety.

MNRTF Grant Request:	\$ 865,300	(70%)
Matching Funds:	\$ 375,200	(30%)
Total Project Cost:	\$1,240,500	

Brian Keenan-Lechel, Director, Saginaw County Parks and Recreation Commission
TF21-0076 – Saginaw Riverfront Park Phase 3 Development, DNR Parks and Recreation (Saginaw County)

Brian Keenan-Lechel addressed the Board in support of the DNR Parks and Recreation Saginaw Riverfront Park development project (TF21-0076) in Saginaw County. Planning for this project

began in 2015 in partnership with the DNR and Saginaw County Parks and Recreation, with RACER Trust remaining a key partner in this project. The DNR has leased the property to Saginaw County for operations.

MNRTF Grant Request:	\$300,000	(100%)
Matching Funds:	\$ 0	(0%)
Total Project Cost:	\$300,000	

Bonnie Wessler, Director, Department of Public Works, City of Ypsilanti
TF21-0187, Frog Island Trailhead Accessibility, City of Ypsilanti (Washtenaw County)

Bonnie Wessler addressed the Board in support of the Frog Island Trailhead Accessibility improvement project (TF21-0187) in Washtenaw County. This project will allow the city to link the Huron River Water Trail, the Iron Belle Trail, and the Border-to-Border Trail. Currently, there is not a way for people with disabilities to access the river or the trail, and the parking lot needs improvements. This grant will allow them to make accessibility improvements to this area.

Outdoor recreation has become an important outlet for people with disabilities, especially during the pandemic, and for those who have low income, limited funding, and the inability to access outdoor recreation opportunities.

MNRTF Grant Request:	\$300,000	(66%)
Matching Funds:	\$156,000	(34%)
Total Project Cost:	\$456,000	

Chad Young, Manager, and Tonya Ketzler, Supervisor, Mundy Charter Township
TF21-0135, Mundy Township Miracle League Field Project, Mundy Township (Genesee County)

Chad Young and Tonya Ketzler addressed the Board in support of the Mundy Township Miracle League Field project (TF21-0135) in Genesee County. Since 2015, development of the Mundy Township Miracle League Field has focused on accessibility and universal design to provide all users, including children and families with disabilities, access to all features of the park and the field. The emphasis on universal design and accessibility has been broadened by the partnership with the Miracle League of Greater Flint.

Brian Kane, Founder/Director of the Miracle League of Greater Flint, was also present and commented that their foundation focuses on providing opportunities for children with disabilities to participate and enjoy the sport of baseball. They just received a \$50,000 donation from the Mott Foundation towards further development of this project. The goal is to create an all-inclusive park to get children and families involved in multiple opportunities for physical activity and to bond with their peers and classmates.

MNRTF Grant Request:	\$256,400	(59%)
Matching Funds:	\$179,000	(41%)
Total Project Cost:	\$435,400	

Dave Haag, City of Auburn Administrator
TF21-0197, Auburn Community Park ADA Improvements, City of Auburn (Bay County)

Dave Haag addressed the Board in support of the Auburn Community Park ADA improvements project (TF21-0197) in Bay County. Currently there are not a lot of gathering places in the community. Their parks have become the default gathering place for many surrounding

communities. Their goal is to create a gathering place in the downtown area with ADA improvements to the trail system and improved access to the accessible fishing docks.

MNRTF Grant Request:	\$249,700	(70%)
Matching Funds:	\$105,000	(30%)
Total Project Cost:	\$354,700	

V. NEW BUSINESS

Chair McDonough commented that, during the pandemic, the entire state embraced outdoor recreation and outdoor spaces. Investments in outdoor recreation are becoming more important, especially since they contribute to physical and mental well-being.

1. Recap of Consensus Meeting Pursuant to MCL 324.1907

Bill Rustem reported that, by law, the Board is required to try and reach a consensus with the Senate and House Appropriation chairs on the amount of MNRTF dollars that can or should be spent each year, and what the distribution should be between acquisition and development projects. Bill represented the Board, and the Director represented the department at this year's consensus meeting.

Bill further reported that, after a lot of discussion, a consensus was not reached this year. However, the Board still has the authority to make the recommendations on projects, and the Legislature will then have the opportunity to take action on the appropriation bill.

Director Eichinger added that this Board meeting occurred a little earlier than normal, and the state is still in the process of closing the books for the fiscal year. The timing of both meetings did not provide the opportunity or lead time to have a good financial snapshot for all to absorb prior to having the consensus meeting. The other key component to the conversation was the constitutional changes that occurred to provide more flexibility on the disbursement of funds for development projects. The Board will move forward with making recommendations and submit them to the Legislature for consideration.

Chair McDonough also commented that, with term limits, there may be a need for basic outreach and education of what the MNRTF is and the value that it serves. She also asked that the consensus meeting be scheduled earlier, or that the Board meeting be scheduled later in the month, to provide the opportunity for more dialogue and communication.

Dan Lord responded that the Board meeting in 2022 is scheduled for December 14. This should allow more time for year-end closing and developing more concrete financial reports.

Chair McDonough further commented that the Legislature played an integral role in the passage of Proposal 1. If they had not chosen to place it on the ballot, the outcome would have been a more complicated and lengthy process. Hence, the importance of making sure we are all touching base about the value and the positive impacts that this program has on communities around the state.

Bill Rustem agreed and commented that it is important for everybody at this meeting and beyond to reach out to their Legislators to educate them on the importance of this program, their projects, and the benefits to communities.

Director Eichinger closed by stating that a lack of consensus does not mean acrimony, but he also agrees that there could be more outreach and education about the program, the process, and its impact to communities, especially with those that make these decisions in the Legislature.

2. Withdrawal of Projects

Jon Mayes, DNR Recreation Grants Unit Manager, gave a brief overview of the six project withdrawal requests that have been submitted for the Board's consideration, as follows:

- TF17-0068 – M-24 Pedestrian Tunnel Connection Land Acquisition, City of Lapeer (Lapeer County), Grant Amount: \$108,000;
- TF17-0240 – Huron River Preserve Acquisition, Washtenaw County Parks (Washtenaw County), Grant Amount: \$391,600;
- TF18-0090 – Schutmaat Park Acquisition, Heath Township (Allegan County), Grant Amount: \$50,000;
- TF18-0195 - Watkins Lake County Preserve Addition, Washtenaw County Parks (Washtenaw County), Grant Amount: \$60,600;
- TF19-0003 –Cavanaugh Road Property, City of Lansing (Ingham County), Grant Amount: \$75,000; and
- TF20-0123 – Saturn Memorial Township Park Expansion, Whitefish Township (Chippewa County), Grant Amount: \$185,000.

All six project withdrawal requests total \$870,200.

Chair McDonough asked if there were any additional questions regarding the withdrawal requests. No additional information or questions were offered.

Chair McDonough called for a motion to accept withdrawal of the six grant projects listed.

**MOVED BY CUMMINGS, SUPPORTED BY RUSTEM, TO ADOPT
WITHDRAWAL OF THE SIX PROJECTS LISTED; TOTALING \$870,200.
MOTION PASSED WITHOUT DISSENTING VOTE.**

Bill Rustem asked for the total amount of project withdrawals this year. Jon responded that project withdrawals this year totaled \$4.3 million, which becomes available for spending.

3. Funding Projections and Overall Investment Fund Management Update

Woodrow Tyler, Senior Investment Manager, and additional staff from the Michigan Department of Treasury, gave the Board an overview on recent market performance, the MNRTF portfolio, and MNRTF spending scenarios to assist the Board in making their funding recommendations while still maintaining a safe fund balance.

Woodrow noted that, since the onset of the pandemic, financial markets first experienced an extreme downward trend, and then moved upward as the outlook for rapid economic growth in 2021 helped equity markets and pushed interest rates higher. With a relatively safe portfolio, the MNRTF is expected to earn investment income of approximately \$17.4 million over the next twelve months, with an estimated long-term rate of return of 5.5%, at an estimated risk of 9.3%. The goal is to preserve and protect the entire \$500 million MNRTF principal so that the interest and earnings remain a perpetual source of money for its intended purpose.

Based on the information presented, the Department of Treasury's recommendation to the Board is to maintain an annual grant award between \$15 and \$20 million annually to stay above the \$500 million corpus and only risk an 8% chance that the fund balance could fall below the \$500 million. At a higher grant award of \$30 million annually, there is a higher chance (close to 18%) that the balance could fall below the \$500 million.

Director Eichinger pointed out, however, that these recommendations are over a ten-year period. If the Board chose to grant more in one year, it only means that they may need to consider granting less in some following years.

Vice-Chair Cummings also pointed out that when the fund is getting negative returns on some of their investments, those are the years to consider scaling back the amount of grants awarded. However, in the past twelve years, they have only seen one negative year.

Chair McDonough also pointed out that, with the new constitutional amendment, it opens the Board to new revenue other than investment revenue to consider.

4. Funding Available for Grant Awards

Erik Eklund, DNR Chief Budget Officer, presented the Board's monthly financial report. In the past, the Board would receive estimated financial reports but, with year-end closing, he will be presenting actual figures. However, he did note that the numbers he is presenting today are preliminary, unaudited, and subject to change until the books are closed.

The department's fiscal year ended September 30, 2021, but they are still in the process of closing the books. These numbers should be considered preliminary until the state's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report is published. As part of the book closing process, they look at investment values as of year-end closing. If they were to look at the values today, they would obviously be different.

After presenting the MNRTF financial report and using Treasury's recommended minimum amount of \$20 million as a spending target, the estimated available funds for acquisition and development grants is \$6.1 million each, with a remaining balance of \$7.7 million that the Board can swing between acquisition or development grants due to the passage of Proposal 2021-1.

Vice-Chair Cummings asked what impact, if any, would the constitutional amendment have on the future of the corpus and projections. Eklund responded that part of the constitution change is, once the Park Endowment Fund's accumulated principal balance reaches \$800 million, oil, gas and mineral royalty revenue formerly deposited into the Park Endowment Fund would then begin to again accrue to the MNRTF. However, the accumulated principal balance of the Park Endowment Fund as of last year-end was around \$292 million so it will take a significant amount of time before the balance reaches \$800 million.

The Board took a break at 10:45 a.m.; and reconvened at 10:55 a.m.

5. 2021 MNRTF Acquisition and Development Applications

Chair McDonough asked for a motion to put a dollar amount for total funding (acquisition and development) on the table.

Bill Rustem commented that, based on the incredible returns the fund has realized this year and the quality of the proposals before the Board, he recommends \$50 million in total funding.

Chair McDonough reminded the Board that a minimum of 25% is required for both acquisition and development grants. She asked staff to project on the screen what those numbers would look like on the spreadsheet.

Vice-Chair Cummings commented that at \$50 million they are still pushing more than 5.5% into savings. He is comfortable with this amount due to the number of great projects that have been brought before the Board this year and is hopeful that the fund will continue to realize good returns moving forward.

Chair McDonough agreed that the Board needs to deploy more dollars in this round, especially since more people are engaging in outdoor recreation since the onset of the pandemic. She then asked for a motion.

**MOVED BY RUSTEM, SUPPORTED BY CUMMINGS, TO RECOMMEND
\$50 MILLION IN TOTAL GRANT AWARDS FOR THIS ROUND OF FUNDING
(FISCAL YEAR 2021-22).
MOTION PASSED WITHOUT DISSENTING VOTE.**

Dan Lord explained the charts and how the rankings/selections would be identified. He noted that new coding includes those communities that have applied but have not received funding in the last five years.

Dan also noted that, since being presented to the Board at their October meeting, TF21-0185 - Sturgeon River Corridor Acquisition (within the Pigeon River Country State Forest) in Otsego County, requesting \$1.7 million, has been withdrawn due to the property being sold. However, the department did submit a time-sensitive request that was accepted for an alternate 404-acre site that is located three miles away from the previous site and includes over one mile of frontage on the Sturgeon River. This late submittal is TF21-0206, Camp Pishtoning at Pigeon River Acquisition (Otsego County), also within the Pigeon River Country State Forest. This acquisition has been added to the list of projects, requesting \$950,000.

Before getting into the selection process, the Board discussed their concerns with TF21-0045, Muskegon Sand North Acquisition (Muskegon County), and the fact that there is some privately-owned property on the north lake that is separate from this acquisition. They also discussed their concerns with TF21-0122, Pinckney and Waterloo Recreation Area Land Consolidation Acquisition (Jackson, Livingston, and Washtenaw Counties), which involves four parcels of land. The Board asked the DNR Parks and Recreation division to prioritize the parcels. Director Eichinger confirmed that the two parcels identified as priority include the Kaiser parcel (193 acres for \$1.5 million) and the Wahl property (63 acres for \$550,000). The other two parcels include 120 acres for \$1.39 million, and 25.8 acres for \$200,000.

Chair McDonough expressed her appreciation for identifying those entities that have not received funding in the past five years. However, she asked that staff identify the area and not the entity for future reporting. Dan Lord will incorporate the Board's request for future reports.

Acquisition Grants

The Board deliberated on which acquisition grant projects to recommend for funding.

Bill Rustem suggested removing the two parcels not identified as priority by the department for TF21-0122 from the grant request, leaving a requested balance of \$2.05 million to acquire the two priority parcels only; all Board members agreed.

Development Grants

Bill Rustem asked that the Board consider funding everything on the development list down and through a score of 300; all Board members agreed.

The Board then deliberated on the remaining development grant projects to recommend for funding.

After deliberations, the Board agreed to allocating \$23,292,500 on development grants, and \$22,299,700 on acquisition grants.

Director Eichinger commented that, with Proposal 1, the aspiration was that the Board could go deep on the development side. To identify 95 development projects is an excellent outcome.

Chair McDonough also encouraged applicants to make presentations to the Board as they tend to stick in their minds when they start identifying projects for funding.

Chair McDonough then asked for a motion to approve the expenditures for both acquisition and development grant projects as identified by the Board during this grant cycle. Hamp motioned in support; Rustem seconded; but the motion was held pending further discussion.

Director Eichinger commented that some of the projects that are getting funded this year came before the Board in previous years and did not get funded. He encouraged all applicants that did not get funding in this round to keep working with their grant coordinators and their application and keep coming back. There is a lot of opportunity where the department can help refine applications so they are in good shape and will score higher when they are presented to the Board.

After discussion, the Board moved the motion forward.

**HAMP MOTIONED TO APPROVE \$22,299,700 FOR ACQUISITION GRANT PROJECTS, AND \$23,292,500 FOR DEVELOPMENT GRANT PROJECTS; TOTALING \$45,592,200 FOR THE 2021-22 GRANT CYCLE; RUSTEM SUPPORTED.
MOTION PASSED WITHOUT DISSENTING VOTE.**

Dan Lord asked the Board to revisit the ranked lists one more time as this is how they will be presented to the Legislature. The Board confirmed that both the acquisition and development grant recommendations listed are as they were selected and approved by the Board.

Dan Lord indicated that both lists (acquisition and development) will now be presented to the Legislature in the order that grants were chosen by the Board. They will also be posted on-line and included in the press release.

The Board thanked everyone, including the public, for their patience throughout the process.

6. Board Member(s) for the mParks Annual Conference Panel Discussion

Chair McDonough asked for two volunteers to attend the mParks Annual Conference for the MNRTF panel discussion scheduled for March 7, 2022 at the Grand Traverse Resort. She

reminded the Board that, in the past, the Chair and Vice-Chair participated in the panel discussion. Cummings accepted the opportunity to sit on the panel. Hamp accepted the opportunity as well but will have to check his calendar and confirm with staff. If Hamp is unable to attend, staff will reach out to other Board members to identify a replacement.

7. Election of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson for 2022

Chair McDonough asked to move forward with the selection of the Chair and nominated Sam Cummings.

**MOVED BY McDONOUGH, SUPPORTED BY RUSTEM, TO APPOINT SAM CUMMINGS AS THE CHAIR OF THE MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND BOARD FOR 2022.
MOTION PASSED WITHOUT DISSENTING VOTE.**

Chair McDonough then asked to move forward with the selection of the Vice-Chair and nominated Steve Hamp.

**MOVED BY McDONOUGH, SUPPORTED BY EICHINGER, TO APPOINT STEVE HAMP AS THE VICE-CHAIR OF THE MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND BOARD FOR 2022.
MOTION PASSED WITHOUT DISSENTING VOTE.**

Sam Cummings will be the new Chair, effective January 1, 2022, and will chair the next Board meeting.

8. Adoption of 2022 MNRTF Board Meeting Dates

Dan Lord listed the 2022 proposed meeting dates of the Board as February 16, April 20, June 15, August 17, October 19, and December 14, 2022.

Chair McDonough asked for a motion to adopt the 2022 meeting dates.

**MOVED BY RUSTEM, SUPPORTED BY HAMP, TO ADOPT THE 2022 MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND BOARD MEETING DATES AS FEBRUARY 16, APRIL 20, JUNE 15, AUGUST 17, OCTOBER 19, AND DECEMBER 14, 2022.
MOTION PASSED WITHOUT DISSENTING VOTE.**

It is not clear at this time if meetings will continue to be held in-person or virtually, but staff propose to conduct all Lansing meetings at the MSU facility, if possible. The adopted meeting dates will be sent to the Board and department staff to post to their calendars, and they will also be posted on the Board's website.

9. Update on MNRTF Activities

Dan Lord thanked all applicants for their time, energy, and the resources they put into their applications each year. As the Director stated, they have a great team of grant coordinators and managers willing to assist all applicants to get them to this point. Dan also thanked the Department of Treasury for their presentation and the work they do throughout the year to chart investment returns, and thanked Mike Smith for attending today on behalf of the Michigan Department of Transportation as a partner agency.

He also reported that the department has another \$10 million coming out of the Recreation Passport (\$2 million) and the Land and Water Conservation Fund (\$8 million) for additional grant projects. Three strong grant programs that continue to contribute to the world of recreation.

Mike Chuff is wrapping up year-end closing; the MNRTF Annual Report will be published and available on the website in January; staff continue to work with the MiGrants system; and they will be conducting an educational webinar in early February.

Dan also thanked SoundQue for the live-stream production. It was a first for this Board with over 125 viewing remotely. He also thanked MSU for the use of their facility and hosting the meeting.

Chair McDonough asked that the Board receive an update on the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan and the outcome of their survey at a meeting in 2022, when appropriate.

Director Eichinger reported that the department and the administration are still in discussions with the Legislature regarding the additional funding for outdoor recreation.

Chair McDonough reminded people to send letters to their Legislators thanking them for their support in funding their projects.

VI. BOARD PACKET REFERENCE MATERIALS

- MNRTF Financial Report
- DNR Real Estate Report – MNRTF State Acquisitions
- MNRTF Completed Projects Report
- MNRTF Open Projects Status Report

Chair McDonough asked the Board if they had any questions regarding the reference materials; none were offered.

VII. OTHER MATTERS AS PROPERLY BROUGHT BEFORE THE BOARD

None.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair McDonough announced the next meeting of the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Board is scheduled for Wednesday, February 16, 2022, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Information regarding the location and format of the meeting will be posted on the Board's website.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Chair McDonough asked for additional comments or discussion. None were offered.

The Board and staff thanked Erin McDonough for her 8 years of service and leadership as Chair in 2021

The meeting adjourned at 11:58 a.m.



Sam Cummings, Chairperson
Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund
Board of Trustees

Michael Chuff

Michael Chuff, Acting Manager
Grants Management Section
DNR Finance and Operations Division

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