

Michigan Board of Foresters- Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting, March 7, 2019

Chairman Jerry Grossman called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m. via conference call.

1. Roll call:

Brenda Haskill at the Gaylord DNR CSC office hosting the conference call. In attendance via conference call: Jerry Grossman, Jim Schmierer, Todd Penrose, Melinda Jones, Joyce Angel. Absent: Bill Botti

2. Old business

- a. So moved by Todd to approve the agenda with the additions and corrections noted. Motion supported by Jim. All ayes, motion carried.
- b. So moved by Jim to approve the minutes of the February 6, 2019 board meeting as presented. Motion supported by Todd. All ayes, motion carried.
- c. Public comment. Let the record show that no persons from the public were present nor on the conference call at this time.

3. New business

- a. New applicant Robert Talsma's paperwork was reviewed. All references replied with "yes" to his reference check.

So moved by Melinda to accept Robert Talsma as a Registered Forester. Motion supported by Joyce. All ayes, motion carried.

- b. Newsletters and update forms have been sent to all registered foresters and approximately 60 update forms have been returned so far. Brenda noted that Lindsey Henski, administrative support staff at the Gaylord DNR office, is assisting the program by updating records using the update forms as they come in.

Chairman Grossman appoints the executive committee of himself, Joyce, and Brenda to review update forms that indicate a registered forester has a non-traditional educational background that may not meet current educational standards for the program. Each one will be treated on a case by case basis. They will report back to the board in 60-90 days with guidance on the process.

4. Financial Update

- a. FY18 for the State of Michigan has yet to close so the transfer from LARA to the DNR for the program has not taken place.
- b. Total revenue since November 2018 into the program is \$3,200 as of March 7, 2019.
- c. Two foresters remain delinquent on payment of fees for the program and will be terminated on March 31, 2019 if payment has not been received. They can reapply at any time in the future.

5. Additional Item

Jerry noted that he was able to speak to the Michigan Association of Consulting Foresters at their annual meeting in February. They had 72 attendees and he spoke for around 30 minutes and answered questions about the program changes.

6. Public input

Let the record show that no persons of the public were in attendance and no public comment was heard.

7. Adjourn

So moved by Brenda to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 am. Motion supported by Joyce. All ayes, motion carried.