

Michigan Board of Foresters Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 5, 2020

MDNR Gaylord Customer Service Center

1732 West M-32, Gaylord, MI

1. Roll Call

Present: Vice Chair Joyce Angel, Bill Botti, Chair Gerald Grossman, Secretary Brenda Haskill, Melinda Jones, Todd Penrose, Jim Schmierer. Absent: none. (Note: Brenda and Joyce were in person and all others were on conference call and GoToMeeting for document review.)

2. Approval of the agenda

So moved by Brenda to approve the agenda with the change to move the review of new applications to the top of the agenda and discussion on the card/brochure draft to the end of the agenda. Motion supported by Melinda. All ayes. Motion carried.

So moved by Melinda to approve minutes from October 9, 2019 as presented. Motion supported by Bill. All ayes. Motion carried.

So moved by Brenda to approve the minutes from January 30, 2020 as presented. Motion supported by Joyce. All ayes. Motion carried.

3. Public comment

Let the record show there were no persons from the public at the Gaylord Customer Service Center nor on the conference call at this time.

4. Applications

Applications from Smeltzer, Pink, Saigh, Helman, and Kremers were reviewed by the Board. So moved by Brenda to approve the applications by the following candidates: Perry Smeltzer, Gerald Pink, Frederick Saigh, Alexander Helman, and Caswell Kremers. Motion supported by Jim. All ayes. Motion carried.

5. Old Business

- a. Financial update -Fund Balance \$13,810.00 (2 new paid applicants in February)
- b. Continuing Education policy was reviewed. Nothing needed correcting which warranted an updated and approved version.
- c. Discussion on cumulative vs. continuous experience for applicants. The executive team will draft two alternative policies on experience needed by applicants that will be reviewed by the Board in the coming months.
- d. There is no update from DNR legal affairs division.
- e. Outreach events
 - i. Jerry talked to ASM-ISA February 11th in Lansing at Arbor-Con with over 450 in attendance.
 - ii. Brenda talked to Assoc. Consulting Foresters February 24th in Grayling for their spring meeting with 55 in attendance and over 75% of the audience are current program participants. Registered Forester Hunter Fodor was recognized at the meeting for exemplary Forest Stewardship Plan participation. Brenda will include something on his award for the spring newsletter.

6. New Business

- a. Brief discussion on the retirement of FRD Chief/State Forester Deb Begalle and what the interim process is for her position. Brenda will keep the Board informed as necessary.
- b. Draft renewal documents for the largest share of the program participants were reviewed. Materials will be modified by Brenda per the edits noted and copies sent to the Board. Renewal materials will go out to all registrants the week of March 23, 2020 for those expiring May 31, 2020. Prior to May 31, 2020 a draft letter to participants choosing not to renew will be drafted to confirm their non-renewal.
- c. Outreach Opportunities/Events
 - i. Joyce will be updating the Michigan Society of American Foresters at their spring meeting April 16-17 in Grayling, Michigan.

Joyce provided a draft of two sides of a promotional post card for the Board to review and provide input. A draft will go to the advertising firm Todd has been in contact with after further Board input.

7. Adjournment

So moved by Joyce to adjourn the meeting at 10:33 am. Motion supported by Todd. All ayes. Motion carried.