

Michigan Board of Foresters – Meeting minutes

Thursday, May 23, 2019

MDNR Gaylord Customer Service Center

1732 West M-32, Gaylord, MI

8:30 a.m. Eastern time

Conference call

1. Roll Call

Board members present: Todd Penrose, Bill Botti, Joyce Angel, Brenda Haskill, Jerry Grossman, Melinda Jones, and Jim Schmierer. Absent: none.

2. Approval of the agenda

So moved by Joyce to approve the agenda with amendments as noted. Motion supported by Bill. All ayes. Motion carried.

3. Approval of the minutes from April 23, 2019 board meeting.

So moved by Jim to approve the minutes with amendments as noted. Motion supported by Bill. All ayes. Motion carried.

4. Public comment

Let the record show that no persons from the public were present nor on the conference call at this time.

5. Old Business

- a. Transfer of funds from LARA/closure of FY18 – Jerry noted he will be discussing this with FRD Chief Deb Begalle on 5/24/19.
- b. Draft Request for Guidance on non-traditional education backgrounds. Jerry noted he will be discussing this with FRD Chief Deb Begalle on 5/24/19 as well.
- c. Proration of fees – official opinion from DNR FRD Legislative division staff
Board was in consensus to let FRD work through the details of the issue.
- d. Database for registrants – initial discussions to incorporate into the statewide VMS system for DNR has begun. Brenda noted that there will be 2 databases. One will be the online option for registrants and the public and one will be an inhouse Excel spreadsheet to track additional information.
- e. Financial update – Brenda noted an additional \$400 revenue in the past 30 days.
- f. Registration qualifications: years of work experience; count pre-graduation time?
This issue was tabled until the next face-to-face meeting in the fall.
Note that item 5.e, a financial update, is to be on the agenda at every board meeting.

6. New Business

- a. New applications
 - i. Hilary Wells application. Board had discussion on the guidance a forester has under the application requirements. This topic will be discussed at the next face-to-face meeting.
 - ii. So moved by Bill to approve the application for Hilary Wells. Motion supported by Todd. All ayes. Motion carried.

7. Public Comment

Let the record show that no persons from the public were present nor on the conference call at this time.

8. Adjourn

So moved by Jim to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 am. Motion supported by Bill. All ayes. Motion carried.