

Michigan Board of Foresters Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 14, 2020

Conference call

1. Roll Call and meeting call to order

- a. 8:32 by Chairman Jerry Grossman via conference call only.
- b. Board Members
 - i. Present: Jerry Grossman, Brenda Haskill, Joyce Angel, Todd Penrose, Jim Schmierer, Bill Botti
 - ii. Absent: Melinda Jones
- c. Guests: Rick McAvinchey, Michigan Registered Forester

2. Approval of the agenda

- a. Additions/changes - none
So Moved by Bill to approve the agenda as presented. Motion supported by Joyce. All ayes. Motion carried.

3. Review of the minutes

From March 5, 2020 board meeting.

So moved by Jim to approve the minutes from the March 5, 2020 board meeting as presented. Motion supported by Bill. All ayes. Motion carried.

4. Public comment

Let the record show there was no public comment made at this time.

5. Applications

- a. One new application
- b. So moved by Todd to approve the application to the program by Josh Penny of Marquette, MI. Motion supported by Jim. All ayes. Motion carried.

6. Old Business

- a. Financial update by Board Secretary Brenda Haskill per records from accounting services in DNR on May 12, 2020.
Revenue received in 2020 so far is \$7600.
Ending fund balance on 05/12/2020 of \$11,475.47 which includes all payroll deductions and mailing costs charged to the program by DNR staff. The ending fund balance may change slightly as some records are adjusted for incorrect coding charged to the program.
Brenda will draft a template for a quarterly program summary and have that for review at the June meeting.
- b. Discussion on cumulative vs. continuous experience for applicants and a review of a draft document that Jerry developed. This item will be on June agenda for discussion and vote.
Discussion on guidance per the law that an applicant must have experience under the guidance of a registered forester. This item will also be added to June agenda for discussion.
- c. Program renewal phase update by Brenda.
 - i. Paid renewals as of May 7, 2020: 32 payments but 35 renewals received

- ii. Voluntary withdrawals to date: 8 withdrawal forms received. One registered forester passed away and his wife notified Brenda. The June meeting will include a review of a draft letter to participants withdrawing to confirm their request.
- d. Card/brochure draft update by Vice Chair Joyce Angel.
 - i. Melinda provided some language suggestions via email and Joyce will touch base with her and get a draft to the printing company for a formal print draft to be developed; Joyce is point person on this project.
 - ii. Expenditure for these cards will require some extra steps by Brenda to process request for payment during the state budget spending freeze.

7. New Business

- a. Acting FRD Chief Jeff Stampfly will be asked to join the next board meeting and/or the next in person board meeting to meet the board members.
- b. Outreach Opportunities/Events
 - i. Mich. Society of American Foresters spring meeting is via webinar and Jerry will sneak in an update into his portion of the spring program.
 - ii. A summer newsletter will be developed in June and circulated to program participants.

8. Public Comment

Registered forester and guest Rich McAvinchey offered thoughts on the qualifications of foresters applying to the program.

9. Board list

Jim requested a listing of board members and when they expire be made available for the June meeting. Brenda will provide that. Joyce noted that we should add expiration dates to the RF listing that's posted online. Brenda will work on making that change.

10. Adjourn: 9:37

So moved by Jim to adjourn the meeting at 9:37 am. Motion supported by Todd. All ayes. Motion carried.