

**MICHIGAN RURAL DEVELOPMENT FUND BOARD MEETING  
DRAFT MINUTES**

**February 23, 2022**

**Michigan Agricultural Commodities, Inc.**

**216 Eastman Street, Breckenridge, MI 48615**

**Board Members Present:**

Justin Horvath, RD Fund Board Member

Erin Kricher, RD Fund Board Member

Jamie Zmitko-Somers, Designee for Director McDowell

**Other Attendees:**

Heather Throne, MDARD

The meeting was called to order by Jamie Zmitko-Somers in Director McDowell's absence at 1:00 p.m.

Jamie Zmitko-Somers welcomed members of the Board and guests. Introductions were made.

**Minutes of the September 23, 2021, Rural Development Board Meeting**

Justin Horvath moved to approve the September 23, 2021, meeting minutes with noted changes. Second by Erin Kricher. Motion carried unanimously.

**Recap of 2017-2021 Grants & Review 2022 Grant Approvals**

Heather Thone presented a recap of the 2017-2021 Grants, as well as a review of the 2022 Grant approvals. The presentation reports on the status of ongoing grant projects and overview of new grant projects for board review.

Throne, also, presented the board with the new brochure.

**Office of Rural Development Update**

Jamie Zmitko-Somers gave an update the new Office of Rural Development to the Board.

**2022 Meeting Schedule**

The Board agreed to have the July 26, 2022, meeting in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

**Public Comment:**

No Public Comment

**Adjourn**

Meeting Adjourned at 1:51 p.m.