

**MINUTES Michigan Board of Foresters**  
**Wednesday, February 24, 2021**

1. Call to order by Chairman Grossman at 8:33 am.
  - a. Roll call.
    - i. Present: Bill Botti, Jim Rivard, Gerald Grossman, Joyce Angel, Brenda Haskill, Todd Penrose. Absent: Melinda Jones
    - ii. Guests: none
2. So moved by Bill to approve the agenda with one addition at item 6c for a report on the continuing education credit audit process for the renewal participants. Motion supported by Todd. All ayes. Motion carried.
3. So moved by Brenda to approve the minutes from January 6, 2021 board meeting as presented. Motion supported by Jim. All ayes. Motion carried.
4. Public comment – no public were present nor gave comment.
5. Old Business
  - a. Brenda as board secretary noted there are 161 current registrants as of February 1.
  - b. Program application form modifications have been drafted and were reviewed by the board.
    - i. So moved by Joyce that the Board of Foresters recommends this updated application form be approved as submitted to DNR and used for new applicants to the registered forester program. Motion supported by Jim. All ayes. Motion carried.
  - c. 2020 annual report draft was reviewed, and changes made. The draft will be ready for next regular board meeting.
6. New Business
  - a. So moved by Brenda to approve both new applicants, Alexander Klosek of Negaunee, MI and Alexander Perram of Ironwood, MI. Motion supported by Bill. All ayes. Motion carried.
  - b. The violations committee consisting of Brenda, Todd, and Melinda met for the very first time and one violation complaint was processed. Summary: On January 21, 2021, a complaint against a Michigan Registered Forester was received and forwarded to the violations committee. The complaint could be characterized as a forest landowner contract dispute. The violations committee met on February 8, 2021 and the Michigan Registered Forester was notified of the complaint that same day. The Michigan Registered Forester suggested an acceptable resolution and provided documentation of satisfactory resolution on February 9, 2021 to the violations committee. Brenda will contact the complainant to determine if the matter is closed and will update the committee and the board as necessary.
  - c. The executive committee met in January to initiate the first continuing education credit audit process for renewal candidates from 2020. Brenda followed the established Board policy from 10-9-2019 and 7 registered foresters were randomly drawn for CE audit and notified. They were given until February 28, 2021 to provide documentation of their CE credits noted on their renewal documents. Brenda will follow up with the executive committee as the process continues.
7. Public Comment – no public comment nor public present.
8. So moved by Joyce to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 am. Motion supported by Todd. All ayes. Motion carried.