



Michigan Board of Foresters

Meeting Minutes

Location: Otsego County Public Library, 700 South Otsego Drive, Gaylord, MI

Date: October 6, 2021

ROLL CALL

Present for the Michigan Board of Foresters: Gerald Grossman, Joyce Angel, Brenda Haskill, James Rivard, Melinda Jones, Todd Penrose, Bill Botti. (James and Todd were connected virtually)

Present as guests: none

MEETING MINUTES

Opening Comments: Chairman Gerald Grossman called the meeting to order at 10:05 am.

So moved by Melinda to approve the agenda with three additions: two additional applicants; reimburse travel for board members; and violations/complaint process. Motion supported by Bill. All ayes. Motion carried.

So moved by Bill to approve the minutes from the August 19, 2021, meeting with grammar corrections as suggested. Motion supported by Joyce. All ayes. Motion carried.

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MICHIGAN BOARD OF FORESTERS

Let the record show there were no persons from the public in attendance and no public comment given.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Applications

So moved by Bill to approve the application by Elizabeth Daut of Wanakena, New York per state reciprocity as a licensed forester in Vermont. Motion supported by Melinda. All ayes. Motion carried.

So moved by Bill to approve the application by Brian Backhaus of Quinnesec, Michigan. Motion supported by Joyce. All ayes. Motion carried.

So moved by Todd to approve the application by Seth Yoder of Cadillac, Michigan contingent on positive responses by the 3 references noted on his application. Motion supported by Jim. All ayes. Motion carried.

2. Yearly review of program documents

The violations form needs to be updated with the logo and new mobile phone number and Brenda will provide the new version at the January board meeting.

So moved by Joyce to implement section 53505 from PA116 of 2018 to reimburse board members as approved for travel and expenses as a member of the Michigan Board of Foresters effective October 6, 2021. Motion supported by Melinda. All ayes. Motion carried. Brenda will develop a draft template for expense reimbursement for review at the January board meeting.

The continuing education policy, annual report template, and bylaws do not need updating currently.

The executive team will draft a program budget outline for review at the January board meeting.

Brenda will prepare and circulate a program newsletter before Christmas 2021. Participants will be asked to opt in for receiving their renewal paperwork via email only if they wish.

The 2022 program renewal documents will be reviewed and approved at the January meeting.

The group took a 30-minute lunch break from 12:10 pm to 12:40 pm. All board members were in attendance for the afternoon session.

3. Program promotion and advertising

There will be a half page ad in the Michigan Forests Association magazine for four issues, a total of \$432 starting with the October 2022 issue.

Brenda is going to check with Hunter Fodor about an ad or link on the Michigan Association of Consulting Foresters web page to the registered forester program.

Melinda is going to check and see if there are any link options from Michigan ISA to the registered forester program.

Brenda will ask if a state purchase card could be issued to her to pay for things using registered forester funds instead of having to be billed for everything.

A list of promotion and advertising opportunities will be gathered and drafted for review in January 2022.

4. Other

Brenda will develop a resource hot link page for the Michigan Registered Forester web page that is a quick reference to click through to various locations for continuing education opportunities.

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So moved by Bill to adjourn the meeting at 1:35 pm. Motion supported by Melinda. All ayes. Motion carried.