

# Michigan Board of Foresters Minutes

Monday, September 21, 2020

## Roll Call

Chair Gerald Grossman called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m. Present: Bill Botti, Todd Penrose, Melinda Jones, Joyce Angel, Brenda Haskill, Gerald Grossman, Jim Schmierer. No guests were present at this time.

1. So moved by Bill to approve the agenda as present. Motion supported by Melinda. All ayes. Motion carried.
2. So moved by Todd to approve the minutes of the June 30, 2020 board meeting. Motion supported by Bill. All ayes. Motion carried.

## Public comment

Let the record show there were no persons from the public in the meeting at this time.

## Old Business

- a. Financial update – Brenda will email an update to the board once it is provided prior to October 1, 2020.
- b. Program renewal phase update
  - i. Paid renewals to date: 106
  - ii. Total paid in the program as of 9/17/2020: 135 registrants (more trickling in yet)
  - iii. Voluntary withdrawals to date: 13 plus 8 more who said they weren't renewing but haven't sent a document yet.
- c. Outreach
  - i. Card/brochure to hand out at meetings – Todd is going to speak to the firm in Marquette this week and get a quote and information on getting it printed.
  - ii. Program Newsletter for Fall
    1. Brenda is working on a draft version and will include CE opportunities.

## New Business

- Renewal candidates from non-traditional education backgrounds – recommendations from the executive team from their meeting on September 16, 2020 in which they reviewed and spoke with Derek Stratelak and Adam LaLonde. Zachary Safford and Aaron Moody did not participate in the executive team meeting, so they were not interviewed by the team.
- Motion by Joyce Angel and second by Brenda Haskill: Resolved that the Michigan Board of Foresters approves the bachelors program completed by Derek Stratelak on 06/10/1983 as meeting the educational requirements as set forth in Sec. 53509 of PA116 of 2018. This approval along with additional information provided is sufficient to maintaining the Michigan Registered Forester status. This approval is not precedent setting for any future applicants. Vote: All ayes. Motion Carried.

- Motion by Brenda Haskill and second by Joyce Angel: Resolved that the Michigan Board of Foresters approves the bachelors program completed by Adam Lalonde in the spring of 2010 as meeting the educational requirements as set forth in Sec. 53509 of PA116 of 2018. This approval along with additional information provided is sufficient to maintaining the Michigan Registered Forester status. This approval is not precedent setting for any future applicants. Vote: Ayes: Melinda, Jim, Jerry, Joyce, Brenda. Nays: Todd, Bill. Ayes have it. Motion carried.
- Motion by Todd Penrose and second by Bill Botti: Resolved that the Michigan Board of Foresters rescind the Michigan Registered Forester status of Zachary Safford. Legal counsel has advised the Board of Foresters that all Michigan Registered Foresters must meet the new requirements set forth in Sec. 53509 of PA 116 of 2018 beginning with the 2020 renewal. There is currently not sufficient evidence for the board to approve either an associate degree or bachelor's degree in forestry from an SAF – accredited university program or board – approved program. Furthermore the Board of Foresters instructs the Board Secretary to notify Mr. Safford that he is encouraged to reapply if he has a degree from an SAF accredited program or send transcripts for the Board of Foresters to consider if the degree is not from an SAF accredited program. A refund should be sent for any fee that may have been paid in 2020. Vote: All ayes. Motion Carried
- Motion by Jim Schmierer and second by Melinda Jones: Resolved that the Michigan Board of Foresters rescind the Michigan Registered Forester status of Aaron Moody. Legal counsel has advised the Board of Foresters that all Michigan Registered Foresters must meet the new requirements set forth in Sec. 53509 of PA 116 of 2018 beginning with the 2020 renewal. There is currently not sufficient evidence for the board to approve either an associate degree or bachelor's degree in forestry from an SAF – accredited university program or board – approved program. Furthermore the Board of Foresters instructs the Board Secretary to notify Mr. Moody that he is encouraged to reapply if he has a degree from an SAF accredited program or send transcripts for the Board of Foresters to consider if the degree is not from an SAF accredited program. A refund should be sent for any fee that may have been paid in 2020. Vote: All ayes. Motion Carried

## Public Comment

There were no persons from the public in the meeting at this time.

## Close

So moved by Brenda to adjourn the meeting at 9:21 am. Motion supported by Bill. All ayes. Motion carried.