

Michigan Board of Foresters – Meeting Minutes

Friday August 9, 2019
 MDNR Gaylord FIELD OFFICE
 1732 West M-32, Gaylord, MI
 8:30 am – 9:15 am Eastern time

Chairman Grossman called the meeting to order at 8:33 am.

1. Roll Call

- a. Present: Bill Botti, Joyce Angel, Brenda Haskill, Gerald Grossman, Jim Schmierer, Todd Penrose
 Absent: Melinda Jones

2. Approval of the agenda

So moved by Bill to approve the agenda with amendments as noted. Motion supported by Joyce. All ayes. Motion carried.

3. Approval of the minutes from May 23, 2019 board meeting.

So moved by Todd to approve the minutes with amendments as noted. Motion supported by Bill. All ayes. Motion carried.

4. Public comment

Let the record show that no public was in attendance on the phone or in person for the meeting.

5. Old Business

- a. Request for Guidance on non-traditional education backgrounds – Jerry will circulate the email communications he had with DNR Legislative staff regarding the issue. Any program participant with a non-traditional education background will be handled on a case by case basis at time of renewal in May of 2020. A draft of the correspondence that will accompany renewals in April of 2020 will be reviewed at the October board meeting.
- b. Financial update – Brenda Haskill
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| i. Amount from LARA | \$8,310 |
| ii. Revenue from registrations in 2019: | \$5,800 |
| iii. Total revenue | \$14,110 |
| iv. Expenditures | \$0.00 |
- v. Tentative fiscal budget process for 2020
- Jerry will communicate with FRD Chief Deb Begalle regarding:
 - Request for information on costs that the RF program will be responsible for.
 - Time and expenses incurred by staff and various program services for RF.
 - The board will review the draft budget at the October in person meeting.

6. New Business

- a. Three new applications
 - vi. Chris Nieman
 - vii. Brian Nordstrom
 - viii. Karl Ploeckelman

So moved by Bill to approve all 3 applicants to the program. Motion supported by Jim. All ayes. Motion carried.

- b. Reciprocity

Brenda noted that a forester licensed in California would like to be a Michigan Registered Forester and inquired about reciprocity. He will be urged to fill out and send in an application and where his references should be noted, he can cite his California license information. He would pay normal fees and maintain standard continuing education credits like all in-state registrants.

- c. Fall in-person meeting

There will be an in-person open meeting of the Board on October 9th from 1-5 pm in Escanaba that will tag on to the Fall Michigan Society of American Foresters (MSAF) meeting the following two days. Brenda will find a meeting room at either the DNR office or the host site for the MSAF meeting.

- d. Develop some type of simple card/brochure to hand out at MSAF meetings and distribute to ACF and ASM members to promote participation in the program.

Joyce and Brenda will team up to develop some draft ideas for the board to review at the October meeting

- e. Fall newsletter

Brenda will compile a draft for the board to review at the fall meeting.

7. Public Comment

Let the record show that no public was in attendance on the phone or in person for the meeting.

8. Adjourn

So moved by Jim to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 am. Motion supported by Bill. All ayes. Motion carried.