



Branch County Conservation District

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**February 8, 2024
Board Meeting**

Board members present: Bing Johnson, Chantal Paxton, Bill Wolf

Associate Board members present: Charity Krueger

Staff: Allison Marshall, Jennifer Wortz

Guests: Jack Knorek

The meeting was called to order at 4:20 pm by B. Wolf.

Approval of Agenda and Minutes: Moved by C. Paxton to approve agenda and January minutes. Seconded by B. Johnson. Motion passed 3-0.

Reports:

1. Staff

CTAI presented a monthly report to the board. Discussion followed.

FBB report was given by J. Wortz. Discussion followed regarding confidentiality. Conclusion was reached to not include names in any FBB, MAEAP, CTAI reports.

MAEAP report was given by J. Wortz. Discussion followed regarding Farmers Day and water sampling.

District manager presented a monthly report to the board. Discussion followed regarding the budget and use of additional funds.

2. MDARD

J. Knorek gave the MDARD monthly report to the board.

Public Comment:

N/a

Old Business:

- 1. C. Paxton moved to put an initial \$20,000 investment from Branch Conservation District budget into Michigan Class Local Government Investment Pools established under the Urban Cooperation Act of 1967. Seconded by B. Johnson. Motion passed 3-0.**

2. Conservation District property

a. Clean Up/Trail Mowing

No decision nor motion was made

b. Forestry Harvesting

Discussion occurred regarding steps to take before proceeding. The District Manager will proceed with contacting land owners adjacent to property.

New Business:

1. **B. Johnson moved to accept the budget of \$62,588.77 as presented. C. Paxton seconded. Motion passed 3-0.**
2. **C. Paxton moved to approve the 2022-2023 budget. B. Wolf seconded. Motion passed 3-0.**
3. **C. Paxton moved to approve the 2024 budget adjustments except the extra \$8000 under District Grant Funds. That amount was changed to \$40,000. B. Johnson seconded. Motion passed 3-0.**
4. **C. Paxton moved to table discussion regarding the hiring of an attorney to amend the Smith Land Contract. B. Wolf seconded. Motion passed 3-0.**
5. **Conservation Board Elections**

Discussion followed stating the necessity of appointing candidates instead of voting due to official election rules. J. Knorek will be providing guidance.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m. Moved by C. Paxton, seconded by B. Wolf. Motion passed 3-0.

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Allison Marshall.

Allison Marshall

Signature

February 9, 2024

Date