

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes



June 5th, 2024

1:00pm

City Park, Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Members Present: Steve Kircher (Forest County Conservation Dept.), Scott Goodwin (Florence County LCD), Aaron McCullough (WDNR-Marquette), Sheri Denowski (Marquette Co.), Sherry Pethers (FCAL), Nicole Schutt (US Forest Service)

Members Absent: Amber Butterfield (Dickinson Conservation District), Larry Phelps (Menominee County), Larry Sommer (Town of Lincoln, Forest CO.), Tracy Beckman (Lumberjack RC&D)

Guests: N/A

Staff: Lindsay Peterson (Coordinator)

Meeting called to order at 1:25 pm by L. Peterson.

Board of Directors Meeting

Board of Director Elections

- 1. Approval of the Agenda** - Motion to approve the agenda as presented was made by S. Pethers/ A. McCullough. *Motion carried.*
- 2. Review Voting Results** – L.Peterson reviewed the Board of Directors ballots and voting results which were submitted during the WRISC Annual Meeting on June 5th, 2024. All votes for Board Members up for election were in favor with no contentions and there were no additional nominations for board members from the ballots.
L.Peterson did call three times for any additional nominations or votes at this time. There were no additional nominations.
- 3. Officially Elect New Board Members** – Hearing no additional nominations, L.Peterson called for a motion to approve the current nominations and officially elect all Board Member positions. Motion made A. McCullough/S. Kircher. *Motion carried.*
 - a. The following board members were elected:**
 - i. Nicole Schutt (2 years); Tracy Beckman (2 years); Larry Phelps (2 years); Sheri Denowski (2 years)**

Election of Officers

- 1. Nominations and Election for Chair** – All nominations were for S.Goodwin to continue as Chair. L.Peterson asked S.Goodwin if he accepted his nomination, which he did. L.Peterson then called three times for additional nominations for Chair. There were no additional nominations.
- 2. Nominations and Election for Vice Chair** – All nominations were for A. McCullough to continue as Vice Chair. L.Peterson asked A.McCullough if he accepted his nomination, which he did. L.Peterson called three times for additional nominations for Vice Chair. There were no additional nominations.
- 3. Nominations and Election for Secretary** – There were nominations for S. Kircher to continue as Secretary L.Peterson asked S.Kircher if he accepted his nomination, which he did. L.Peterson called three times for additional nominations for Secretary. There were no additional nominations.
- 4. The board decided since the officer positions were remaining unchanged that a motion to maintain all officer positions would suffice as opposed to individual motions for each position. **The motion to maintain all officer****

positions made by S. Denowski / S. Kircher. *Motion carried.*
New Officers assume duties

Note: Financials are handled through the WRISC fiscal agent, Dickinson Conservation District

Board of Directors Meeting

1. Approval of the Previous Meeting Minutes

- a. Minutes of the previous meeting in April were presented. Motion to accept the minutes as presented made by S.Kircher / A.McCullough. ***Motion carried.***

2. Grant/Treasurer's Report

- a. L.Peterson led this portion of the meeting. All grants are progressing well. The MEF PL project is the only project that is behind schedule currently and WRISC has submitted an extension for that project which is fully expected to be accepted. Still waiting to hear on the Landscape Scale Restoration project. The WRISC undesignated fund is currently at \$8,756.61. Motion to put the grant report on file made by S. Pethers/A.McCullough. ***Motion carried.***

3. New Business

- a. FCAL Business Membership: L.Peterson presented a request from FCAL to become a business partner which would cost \$50 and WRISC would have a business page spot on the new FCAL website. The board was in favor of securing this membership and a motion was made that the fee would be paid out of the undesignated fund account, S. Denowski/S.Pethers. ***Motion carried.***
- b. August Meeting – Reschedule: L.Peterson noted that she will be out of town at the MISC Summer Field Trip in Alpena, MI during the next regularly scheduled WRISC Board meeting in August. Therefore the meeting will need to be rescheduled. The board tentatively agreed that August 14th would work.

4. Any other Business: (Next Meeting: August 2nd, 2023)

- a. Board photo!

5. Future Agenda Items: S.Pethers addressed the board and asked that board member attendance should be discussed at the next meeting.

4. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned by S.Goodwin at 1:43 pm. ***Motion carried.***

Minutes compiled and submitted by Lindsay Peterson