

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes



June 7th, 2023

12:15pm

City Park, Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Members Present: Steve Kircher (Forest County Conservation Dept.), Scott Goodwin (Florence County LCD), Amber Butterfield (Dickinson Conservation District), Jeff Carlson (Menominee County), Larry Sommer (Town of Lincoln, Forest CO.), Tracy Beckman (Lumberjack RC&D), Sheri Denowski (Marinette Co.), Pam Schroeder (FCAL), Sherry Pethers (FCAL), Amanda Pyke (US Forest Service)

Members Absent: Aaron McCullough (WDNR-Marinette), Bill Rice (Dickinson Conservation District)

Guests: N/A

Staff: Lindsay Peterson (Coordinator)

Meeting called to order at 12:42 pm by L. Peterson.

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Board of Director Elections

1. **Approval of the Agenda** - Motion to approve the agenda as presented was made by S. Kircher/ L. Sommer. *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 7th, 2023. 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 T. Beckman/S. Denowski. *Motion carried.*
 - a. **The following board members were elected:**
 - i. Scott Goodwin (2 years); Aaron McCullough (2 years); Steve Kircher (2 years); Larry Sommer (2 years); Jeff Carlson (1 year); Sherry Pethers (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. Hearing no additional nominations, a motion was made by L. Sommer/S. Denowski to close nominations. *Motion carried.* L. Peterson called for a motion to approve S.Goodwin as Chair. Motion made by S. Denowski/L. Sommer. *Motion carried.*
2. **Nominations and Election for Vice Chair** – All nominations were for A. McCullough to continue as Vice Chair. A. McCullough had preemptively accepted his nomination via email to L.Peterson. L.Peterson called three times for additional nominations for Vice Chair. Hearing no additional nominations, a motion was made by S. Denowski/L. Sommer to close nominations. *Motion carried.* L. Peterson then called for a motion to approve A. McCullough as Vice Chair. Motion made by S. Kircher/T. Beckman. *Motion carried.*

3. **Nominations and Election for Secretary** – There were nominations for S. Kircher and L. Sommer for appointment as Secretary. After a brief discussion, L. Sommer declined his nomination and S.Kircher accepted his nomination. L.Peterson called three times for additional nominations for Secretary. Hearing no additional nominations, L.Peterson called for a motion to close nominations. Motion made by L.Sommer/S. Denowski. **Motion carried.** L.Peterson then called for a motion to accept S. Kircher as Secretary. Motion made by S. Pethers/T. Beckman. **Motion carried.**

4. **New Officers assume duties**

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

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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 T.Beckman /S.Denowski. **Motion carried.**
2. **Grant/Treasurer's Report**
 - a. A. Butterfield 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 will be seeking an extension to the project following the current field season. There is intent to meet with project partners to reassess the budget as well. The WRISC undesignated fund is currently at \$9,536.91. Motion to put the grant report on file made by T. Beckman/S. Denowski. **Motion carried.**
3. **Any other Business: (Next Meeting: August 2nd, 2023)**
 - a. Board photo!
4. **Future Agenda Items:** Undesignated fund spending policy draft will be presented at the next meeting. T. Beckman had worked up a draft policy, and suggested the approved spending limit be set to \$1,000. L.Peterson will incorporate this change into the draft and it can be discussed at the next board meeting.
4. **Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned by S.Goodwin at 1:02 pm. **Motion carried.**

Minutes compiled and submitted by Lindsay Peterson

S.Kircher/S.Pethers moved to approve minutes August 2nd, 2023. Motion carried, Minutes approved.