

**Missaukee
Conservation
District**

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Our mission is
to provide
leadership in
promotion and
protecting our
county soil,
water and
other natural
resources
through
education and
technical
assistance.

Living better
with:
Fresh air
Healthy soils
Clean water
Recycling and
Reducing waste

**Minutes
Board Meeting
March 18, 2025**

Approved 4/15/25
DH

Board meeting of the Missaukee Conservation District was held Tuesday, March 18, 2025, at 101 S. Main Street, Lake City, MI 49651.

Directors present: Susan Schwager, Paul Sawin, Sue Nyce, Janis Ransom, Barb Iverson

Directors absent: none

Associate Directors present: Chris Iverson, Ingrid Herweyer

Associate Directors absent: Eric Bradley, Mary Jane Emery

Staff/affiliates present: Dani Hamilton, Lucas Santure, Ellie DeMarse, Ryleigh Cooper, Jeff Fewless, Michael Ramsey

Staff/affiliates absent: Erin Horton, Hannah Lopinski, Zach Peklo, Sierra Gross, Frank Vanderwal

-Meeting began at 9:00 am.

-Motion by Sawin, supported by Nyce to approve agenda. Motion passed.

-Motion by Ransom, supported by Nyce to approve February 18, 2025 minutes. Motion passed.

Public Comment: None

New Staff Introduction: Welcome to Ryleigh Cooper, our new CTAI Soil Conservationist!

Reports

1. Financial reports were reviewed and are on file.
2. MDARD report was reviewed and is on file. Jeff Fewless presented the NRCS update. No Forester report was given as the position is vacant. Michael Ramsey presented the NCCISMA Annual Report, which is on file. Friends of MCD and Commissioner were absent and did not report.
3. Staff reports were reviewed and are on file.

Calendar Review

1. Board and events calendars were reviewed and are on file.

Unfinished Business

1. Legislative Day is March 20th. Staff and board members coordinated carpooling to Lansing.
2. Tree Sale was reviewed. Erin is coordinating volunteers for packing and pickup days.
3. Wexford CD Truck Update: the truck is in a local auto shop for repairs, we are waiting for the diagnosis and cost estimate. Title and registration transfer is in progress.

New Business

1. Region 4 Meeting: The MACD R4 meeting is Wednesday, May 7th from 9am-3pm in Reed City.
2. Hopkins Creek Restoration Project: Hannah is leading the Hopkins Creek Restoration Project. She is working with DNR staff and MCD volunteers to coordinate a needs assessment and future workdays.

Committee Reports

1. Land committee – Ellie reviewed land committee updates. We will be meeting with OCBA Landscape Architects on the Jamieson Property the afternoon of Wednesday, April 2nd to walk through the property and discuss trail network and playscape designs.

Public Comment: None

Adjourned at 10:58 am. Next meeting will take place on Tuesday, April 15, 2025 at 9 am, or at the call of the chair.

Submitted by,

Ellie DeMarse

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Land Stewardship Coordinator