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## ANTRIM CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING **DRAFT MEETING MINUTES for March 27, 2024 3pm**

**Call meeting to order by Chairman at 3:00pm**

### **Attendance Board/Partners/Staff/Public**

**Board Members Present:**     Bryan Smith    Adrienne Wolff    Kathleen Peterson  
   Randy Johnson    Zach Gosnell arrived 3:51p

**Staff:** Melissa Zelenak, Mike Meriwether, Kyle Williams, Emma Fitzgerald

**Partners:** MDARD Jim Pawlowicz

**Public:** Anna Hall, Antrim County Parks Director

**Agenda Review and Approval:** *motion by Wolff, second by Johnson, motion carries 4-0*

**Public Comment:** n/a

**Correspondence:** MAEAP & CD Budget info from other CDs

### **Staff, Partner, and Committee Reports:**

Staff written reports submitted: Soil Erosion, Forestry, Program Coordinator, Executive Director.  
MDARD written report submitted, MAEAP written report submitted, Food Safety written report submitted, NRCS none.

Forestry, Meriwether reports Morhmann Park/Ecklund property consolidation is near completion, Dole Foundation donation of \$10,000 to be paid to Antrim County to cover closing costs and other fees required to make the purchase; signage to be installed at the Cook-Martin Preserve and Stover Road properties; assistance from Mike Castle has helped complete county forest inventory

*Motion by Wolff, second by Peterson, to accept monthly reports, motions carries 4-0*

**Approval of February 16, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes and Public Hearing Minutes, motion by Peterson, second by Wolff, motion carries 4-0**

**Financial Review and Requests:** *Motion to approve the financials for February 2024 by Johnson, second by Peterson, roll call: Peterson-Yes, Wolff-Yes, Johnson-Yes, Gosnell-Absent, and Smith-Yes, motion carries 4-0*

**Grant Updates:** 2024 MDARD Ops Grant in progress, see Program Coordinator for CAKE Grant Status, EGLE/TRP Grant in progress

**New Business:** Antrim County forest history book, final draft received and ready to approve with noted corrections, *motion by Wolff, second by Peterson, to approve final payment to vendor for preparation. Roll call vote: Peterson-Yes, Wolff-Yes, Johnson-Yes, Gosnell-Abstain, and Smith-Yes, motion carries 4-0. motion carries 4-0.* Approve raise increase to \$20.00 per hour for Alexander LaPointe, soil erosion officer, *motion by Johnson, second by Wolff. Roll call vote: Peterson-Yes, Wolff-Yes, Johnson-Yes, Gosnell-Yes, and Smith-Yes, motion carries 4-0.* Marine Plastics Recycling Program Start, ACD to connect with local marinas to support and assist boat owners in recycling their boat covers. Recycling bags will be available for sale to owners at the ACD and for marinas who wish to buy bags in bulk. The marine recycling bags must be used to recycle as the purchase price helps fund the recycling program. Other bags will not be accepted. Farmer's Resource Fair Update: Due to vendor scheduling conflicts, the event will move to the ACD on April 9, 12-2pm, renamed Farm & Garden Info Fair to present farm and garden info and services to the community

**Old Business/Updates:** Zelenak to present to the Antrim County Board of Commissioners later than previously notified in order to engage the new Mi Healthy Climate Corp member in research and data compilation in the county over the next few months that will help the ACD and county have a better understanding of program needs and growth development

**Roundtable:**

**Upcoming:** April 9 Farm & Garden Info Fair, April 19 & 20 Tree Sale

*Motion to adjourn by Johnson, second by Wolff, motion carries 5-0.*

*Minutes prepared by Zelenak March 29, 2024*