



# Van Buren Conservation District

24 April 2024

10:00 AM

Van Buren Conservation District – 1035 E Michigan Ave., Paw Paw, MI 49079

## Agenda

### Call to Order – Regular Business Meeting

#### Roll Call of Board Directors:

- Chairperson, Bill VanTassel
- Vice-chairperson, Jan Petersen
- Treasurer/Personnel Liaison, Carl Druskovich
- Secretary, Paulette Rybarski
- Member, Ron Klein

#### Approval of Agenda

#### Approval of Minutes

- 27 March Regular Board Meeting Minutes

#### Public Comment

#### Treasurer's Report

- March 2024 Financial Statements
- Payment of Bills for April 2024
- Payroll & Paid Time Off Accumulation Report for March 2024
- Quarterly Review:
  - FY 24 Budget
  - Investments

#### Old Business:

##### **1. Tree Sale 2024**

##### **2. Grant Applications Received:**

- a. Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) Michigan Water Corps (MiCorps) | Paw Paw River Cleanup 2024 | \$2,915.21 proposed/awarded budget | \$1,206.90 proposed/awarded in-kind match | start date: 1 May 2024**
- b. Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) Forest Service | Connecting Lake Associations With Their Upstream Watersheds in Southwest Michigan | \$300,000.00 proposed/awarded budget | \$0 match proposed**
- c. GLRI Cooperative Weed Management Areas (CWMA) 2023 | Consistent and Effective Invasive Plant Control Throughout the Jones Conservation Corridor | \$100,596.00 proposed/awarded budget | \$9,450.00 match proposed/awarded**

##### **3. Michigan Association of Conservation Districts (MACD) Summer Conference | 3-4 June 2024**

#### New Business:

##### **1. Van Buren Conservation District Resolution**

##### **2. Grant Applications Submitted:**



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- a. **EGLE Nonpoint Source Implementation | Stacking BMPs to Mitigate Agricultural Runoff in the Paw Paw River** | \$864,000.00 proposed budget | \$17,033.43 proposed VBCD match | \$270,199.400 proposed partner match | expected decision date: unknown
- b. **EGLE Watershed Council Support | Van Buren Conservation District Support** | \$17,081.43 proposed budget | \$0 proposed VBCD match | expected decision date: 1 May 2024

### 3. Quarterly Review:

#### a. FY 24 Business Plan

#### Committee Updates:

- **Fund Development (Petersen, Rybarski, Sinclair)**
  - Next Meeting: To be determined
- **Property Development (Druskovich, VanTassel)**
  - Next Meeting: To be determined

**Farmland and Open Space Preservation [Part 361 (1994 Public Act 451)] Applications for Review:** None.

#### Board of Director Reports

- Chairperson – verbal
- Vice Chairperson – verbal
- Treasurer – verbal
- Secretary – verbal
- Member – verbal

#### Van Buren Conservation District Staff Reports:

- Executive Director’s Report – verbal
- Administrator’s Report – verbal
- Ag Conservation/Water Quality Projects Report – written
- CISMA Team Report – written
- MAEAP Report – written
- NACD Outreach & Technical Assistance Report – written
- Outreach Report – written
- Produce Safety Report – none
- Resource Recovery Report – written

#### Cooperating Agency Reports:

- FSA Report
- Land Preservation Board Report
- MDARD Report – written
- MSUE Report – email
- NRCS
- VBCD Foundation Board

#### Other Correspondence:

- EGLE Public Notice Announcement: HQ2-G23N-PR79R (80-34004 Blue Star Highway – Covert)
- EGLE Public Notice Announcement: HQ0-IFAM-KHKXE (80-33010 Blue Star Highway – Covert)
  - EGLE Public Notice Announcement: HQ0-IFAM-KHKXE (80-AEP-Fire Lanes Distribution Project – Covert)



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**Next Board Meeting:** 22 May 2024 | 10:00 AM | VBCD Office – 1035 E Michigan Ave., Paw Paw, MI 49079

**Adjournment**