



West Central Michigan Horticultural Research, Inc.

Board Meeting 10/7/19

Board Members:

**Andy Riley
Gerrit Herrygers
Mike VanAgtmael
Art Lister
David Rennhack**

Non-Voting Attendees:

**Richard Raffaelli
Patricia Parsons - Administrator**

Location: Teleconference

Start/Finish: Call to Order 7:01pm / Motion to Close 7:34pm

Previous Meeting Recap: 9/22/19 meeting minutes were emailed to board prior to teleconference.

Topics of Discussion & Old Business:

1. Dispensing of the reading of the minutes due to minutes are emailed to the board.
 - A. Proposal submitted for motion to dispense the reading of the meeting minutes since meeting minutes are emailed to all board members.
2. Discussion on when board member's terms came into effect.
 - A. Proposal submitted for motion to retro act all active board members' terms beginning on January 1, 2019.
3. Approval to add Caleb Coulter to the board as a voting board member.
 - A. Proposal submitted for motion approval to add Caleb Coulter to the board in one of the board vacancy seats currently open as a voting member.
4. Richard talking to the community foundation about joining a 50/50 partnership with property building for their foundation and the other half for ours.
 - A. Could absorb the cost of the infrastructure.
 - B. Would allow for a bigger building to be built with their own wing.
 - C. Would zoning be an issue?
 - a. Board would need to file a special interest form with zoning and Weare should approve it.
 - D. Proposal submitted for motion to allow Richard to pursue the relationship with the community foundation.
 - a. Gerrit Herrygers abstained himself from this topic due to conflict of interest.
5. Land Title is expected to be ready this week.
 - A. Richard will be out of town Wednesday and Thursday.
 - B. If Richard is out of town can Andy represent the board solely to close on the property.
 - C. Proposal submitted for motion approval for authorization of Andy Riley to be the sole representative of the board if the case the title process is complete and closing is going to commence with Richard is out of town.

Follow Up/Updates:

1. Richard – MSU wrote a letter of partnership and endorsement.
2. Richard – Senator Bumstead, Shelby, & Hart sent letters.
3. Richard – Over \$30,000 in community donations has been given and another \$13,500 in recorded pledges.
 - A. Have a few donors that need to rewrite checks due to right payable. Each were addressed.
4. Richard – Working on a letter to Seneca asking for match donation of Peterson Farms.



5. Andy – Note: To revisit the discussion of making David Jones an ex-officio member of the board depending on MSU.
6. Andy – 7th board member. Revisit discussion at a later date in discussion of Asparagus Research or a different representative.
7. Richard – Facebook page social media campaign is in the works IT dept will be working on it after apple season.
8. Richard – Wanting to meet up with Art and have a meeting with Mason County Growers and the same with Newaygo County growers.

New Business: No New Business 7:35pm

Motions Voted On:

1. Motion to Dispense – To dispense the reading of the minutes at the board meetings.
Moved: Gerrit – Supported: Mike – Passed Unanimous – 7:02pm
2. Motion to Retro Act – To retroact all board members effective start date of terms as of January 1, 2019.
Moved: Gerrit – Supported: Mike – Passed Unanimous – 7:09pm
3. Motion of Approval – Caleb Coulter to be added to the vacant board seat for a initial 1 year term with option of another additional year board permitted.
Moved: Gerrit – Supported: Dave – Passed Unanimous – 7:12pm
4. Motion of Approval – For Richard to pursue the relationship further with the community foundation.
Moved: Mike – Support: Dave – Passed Vote 4 approved; 1 Member Abstained (Gerrit) – 7:27pm
5. Motion of Approval – Authorizing Andy to be the sole representative of the board in the closing proceedings in the absence of Richard due to travel this week.
Moved: Art – Support: Dave – Passed Unanimous – 7:34pm
6. Motion to Adjourn
Moved: Gerrit – Support: David – Passed Unanimous – 7:36pm