



KALAMAZOO CONSERVATION DISTRICT

July 17th, 2026

Board Meeting Agenda

KCD Office – 5950 Portage Rd. Suit B, Portage, MI 49002

Working with our community to protect, conserve, and restore the natural resources of Kalamazoo County!

1 – CALL TO ORDER

Chair, Ed Cagney, called the meeting to order at 8:04AM

2 – ROLL CALL: Directors present: Sandy Bliesener, Tricia Keala, Ed Cagney, Lynn Coville

Directors absent: Andrew Fern

Also present: Chandra Kinney, Grant Reinhart, James Benjamin, Benjamin Geiger, and Travis McCormick

3 – CONSIDER APPROVAL OF June 12th, 2026, BOARD MEETING AGENDA:

Approval of Agenda movement carried by Sandy B., seconded by Tricia K.; Voice Vote: Y4 N0 Motion: Carried

4 – CONSIDER APPROVAL OF May 15th, 2026, KCD BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

Approval of Meeting Minutes for May 15th, 2026, movement carried by Sandy B., seconded by Lynn C.; Voice Vote: Y4 N4 Motion: Carried

5 – PUBLIC COMMENTS: N/A

6 - TREASURER REPORT:

Review and approve all May 2026 financial reports:

- Balance Sheet (QBD+QBO)
- Profit & Loss Summary (QBD+QBO+YTD)
- Deposits Summary
- Bills Summary
- Payroll Summary
- Reconciliation & Bank Statement

Movement to approve May's Treasurer Report carried out by Tricia K., seconded by Lynn C. Voice Vote: Y4 N0 Motion: Carried

7 - TECHNICAL REPORTS:

- KCD DM Report– Chandra Kinney, District Manager
- MACD Report – Rivka Hodgkinson, Executive Director MACD
- MDARD Partner Report – Jack Knorek, MDARD Regional Coordinator
- ~~NRCS Report – Di'Shun Melbert, District Conservationist~~
- CTAP Report – James Benjamin, MAEAP Technician
- USDA-NRCS Soil Con Report – Celina Robinson; Soil Conservationist
- CTAI Report – Allison Marshall, CTAI Technician (BCD/KCD/NRCS)
- BCK-CISMA – Sara Hutteman, Invasive Species Coordinator
- Produce Safety – Patrick Gordon, Produce Safety Technician
- Forestry Assistance Program Report – Ben Savoie; Regional Forester

8 - OLD BUSINESS:

- New Intern has been Hired -Grant Reinhart has on-boarded and begun the Reg. Ag. Incubator Farmer Program
- Scrap Tire Recycling Events – First event June 9th, went AMAZING! We packed trailers completely full!
- Third Annual Kalamazoo River Cleanup – Final details are being made to host the Third Annual Kalamazoo River Clean Up on June 20th
- Funding – In pursuit of our millage, Chandra K. has had some commissioners express that it would be very unlikely for us to be placed on this years ballot, and instead has directed us to get on our County’s budget. John Gisler has arranged for KCD to present to the Kalamazoo County Board Government on August 18th, 2026, in order to pitch our Conservation Resource HUB for Kalamazoo County.

9 - NEW BUSINESS:

- New Internship Opportunities – KRESA has reached out to inquire about us taking on an intern this school year. Additionally to broaden our scope of what we can actively get done, we should consider WMU Internships (\$4K/intern), Kalamazoo College Internships (Free), and AmeriCorp (\$12K).
- HuntMICollaborative – Travis McCormick and Benjamin Geiger are the Hunt Leader for Cagney Farms. They will be scheduling summer crop damage hunts with our group of hunt leaders soon!
- Campaigning – Building up our Benevity Account – Organizations like Stryker, Pfizer and Zoetis utilize this platform for donations!

10 - PUBLIC ACTS & NOTICES:

- PN: 39-Hampton Creek Wetlands @ 7877 Moorsbridge Road-Portage – Why is this not managed by the drain commission? This area doesn’t look like a wetland, it looks very developed, maybe we can install a rain garden instead? Concern: Pumping water OUT of a wetland sounds like it will cause issues. Where the water be displaced to? Is this a concern with waterfowl nesting?

11 - DIRECTOR COMMENTS:

- CACJAC Plan has launched and is awaiting feedback by June 16th.

12 - ADJOURNMENT

Movement carried by Lynn C., seconded by Sandy B.; Voice Vote: Y4 N0 Motion: Carried

➤ NEXT MEETING – 8 AM on July 17th, 2026, at the KCD office!!!

X: _____ Date of Approved Minutes: _____