

GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY
FARMLAND & OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION BOARD

April 13, 2016

Chair Hoxsie called the meeting to order at 10:58 a.m. in the Committee Room located in the Governmental Center, 400 Boardman Avenue, Traverse City, Michigan.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dennis Hoxsie, Steve Largent (11:03 a.m.), Dan Lathrop, Patricia Link, Rob Manigold and Doug White

STAFF PRESENT: Marcia Carmoney and John Sych

OTHERS PRESENT: Todd Vigland

INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS

Introductions were made.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by White, seconded by Lathrop to approve the December 14, 2015 minutes as presented.
Approved unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Election of Officers

Hoxsie called for nominations. There being none, nominations were closed and the following motion was made.

Moved by Manigold, seconded by Lathrop to nominate Dennis Hoxsie as Chair and Doug White as Vice Chair. **Approved unanimously.**

Largent arrived at 11:03 a.m.

Farmland Preservation Update

Todd Vigland, Land Protection Specialist with the Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy, provided an update on recent grant activity. The USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service, Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) was approved for 8 million in water quality projects and will be administered by several partners. A grant application to Great Lakes Initiative was denied, but applications are still pending with the Resource Conservation Program and Clean Michigan Initiative. Matt McDonough, Director of Land Protection with Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy is working with the USDA on their contract requirements to bring them more in line with the smaller scale farms in this area. Work continues with Acme Township landowners on the 2011 scoring.

OLD BUSINESS

Sych requested setting the annual meeting date to the second Wednesday in April. Staff will notify Board members prior to that date next year.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Largent reported the Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collections are being held more often. The next HHW drop-off is scheduled for April 21st from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 11:18 a.m.