

MAT Board of Directors

Conference call meeting 5-20-19

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 p.m. by President Wes Windover. Present were: Executive Director Denise Pallarito, Wes Windover, Anne Harmon, Jim Maeder, Brian Nelson, Lonny Lutke, John Fowler, Warren Suchovsky. Paul Burton, Glen Tolksdorf and Charley MacIntosh joined the meeting after it was in progress.

We were reminded of the Anti-trust provisions.

Discussion was held regarding cashing in a soon maturing CD to pay-off the vehicle loan. The issue will be re-visited at the June Board meeting.

Denise reported that there is currently \$35?? in the PAC fund. Our new procedure will be to hold events in the legislative districts rather than attending events in Lansing.

Moved by Lonny, supported by Jim to terminate Judy Augenstein as our lobbyist on June 1, 2019. Motion Carried. Unanimous. Each member shared their feelings on the issue. All appreciated her work over the years. The sense was that it is time to move in a different direction with regard to lobbying activities. Wes, Jim and Lonny will meet with Judy May 24 to thank her for her years of service and inform her of the Board's decision to terminate her as our lobbyist. As has been past practice she has been already paid in advance for June service, that payment will be considered to be severance pay.

Moved by Warren, supported by Jim that Wes appoint a committee of at least three board members and Denise to conduct interviews of invited potential lobbying firms. If scheduling permits, report it's recommendation to the Board at the June 7th Board meeting. Motion Carried.

HRD in pine. Discussion was held regarding certification for pesticide (borax compounds) applicators. No action was taken. Denise will continue to monitor the issue.

Discussion was held relative to potential legislative changes regarding log plates. Denise will continue to monitor the issue. Our existing position is that we do not support any change to the current regulations.

Discussion was held on the updating of the Michigan Forest Action Plan. Moved by Brian, supported by Jim that Glen will represent MAT at the Marquette meeting on July 18. Motion Carried. Moved by Brian, support by Lonny that Wes represent MAT at the Cadillac meeting on August 5. Motion Carried. It was noted that Warren, by virtue of his membership on various

DNR advisory bodies, has been invited to participate in the process. He plans to attend the Marquette meeting.

Denise reminded board members to correspond to EPA regarding the KBIC request for primacy on water quality issues.

Discussion was held regarding hosting a Logging Equipment Expo. Moved by Warren, supported by Brian that MAT pursues hosting such an event in the Lower Peninsula in 2020. Motion Carried. Denise will continue to work on this project. She with some board members will visit with some of the major equipment dealerships in the L.P. regarding their interest in participating in such an event.

Moved by Warren, supported by Glen to adjourn. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectively submitted by

Warren Suchovsky, Sec. Treas.