



Saginaw County Agricultural Society

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Special Meeting

February 21, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Patti Copes. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and roll was called.

Present: Jim Askins, Letitia Birchmeier, Dick Borm, Patti Copes, Howard Ebenhoeh, Sara Engelhardt, Donna Felton, Rosie Garcia, David LeCureux, Beverly Newton, Valerie Newton, Lana Robinette, Pennie Tomac (late), Keith Valentine

Guests: Bill Berg, Bob Corrin, Denise Ebenhoeh, Eric Frahm, Tim Rosencrans

Motion by Felton and supported by Garcia to accept the resignation of Ed Bruckman that was read at the February 14 meeting. Motion carried.

Copes offer copies of the accounting proposal from Hoerner & Geer and a comparison to the services that we currently receive from McDonald & Associates. Hoerner's can do what McDonald is currently doing for \$300 less per year. Additional services will be at added cost. Motion by V. Newton and supported by Garcia to switch our current accounting services from McDonald & Associates to Hoerner & Geer. Motion passed. Motion by Birchmeier and supported by Felton to engage Hoerner & Geer for new services over and above those we currently receive from McDonald & Associates as listed on the report. Motion passed with 3 votes in opposition. Robinette asked if we needed to amend the budget first (Ryan Hoerner recommends this). Tomac reported that \$5,000 in the budget is intended for the audit. Engelhardt requested letting the budget committee make a recommendation to the board at the next regular meeting. Motion by Garcia and supported by Borm to refer the matter of revising the budget to accommodate funding for new accounting services by Hoerner to the budget committee. Birchmeier asked about \$1,000 in the budget for "administrative-other." Roll call vote was held. Motion passed with 4 votes in opposition.

No quote or proposal for the financial audit will be available from Hoerner until we know how far back we will go. Ken Berthiaume recommends auditing the last fiscal year. His estimated cost is \$5,000 – 7,000. Motion by B. Newton and supported by Garcia to have the audit done on the last fiscal year. Motion passed.

Motion by Borm and supported by Garcia to remove Edward Bruckman from all Saginaw County Agricultural Society accounts at The State Bank and Citizen's Bank. Motion passed. Motion by Felton and supported by Birchmeier that the signers for all accounts for the Saginaw County Agricultural Society at The State Bank and Citizen's Bank should be Lana Robinette, Patricia Copes, and Howard V. Ebenhoeh. Motion passed.

An office protocol handout from Copes was distributed to address cash handling procedures. Members are asked to consider the ideas and discussion will be added to the March meeting agenda.

Our agreement with our employee states that he will be managed by the president. Directions for him have lacked detail and specificity. Copes presented a written list of items that need to be worked on. A copy was provided to Rosencrans. Birchmeier asked about the premium book which is on that list. Current goal is for March 1 release online.

Ebenhoeh shared sections from the Ag Society bylaws that address vacancies on the board: page 3, section VIII, part b about the duties of the First Vice President and page 2, section VII, part g about vacancies.

Motion by V. Newton and supported by Tomac to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Engelhardt
Secretary

APPROVED