

MEETING MINUTES

ALBANY CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Tuesday, September 3rd, 2024. 6:30 pm

Members present: Cathy Ryan, Cort Hansen, Sean Wadsworth, and Jacob MacKenzie, alternate. Absent and excused: Mike Steward.

Cathy called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm. Cathy noted that with Mike's absence, Jacob would be voting in his place, his appointment as a full member having not yet been approved by the Albany BOS as a replacement for Kevin Tilton. With no scheduled appointments she went directly to new business and asked for questions or comments on the 8/6/24 meeting minutes. With no comments or questions, she asked for a motion to accept the meeting minutes for the 8/6/24 meeting. Sean made the motion to accept the minutes and Cort seconded the motion. The vote taken to approve the minutes was 4-0 and the minutes were approved.

Under new business Cathy brought up the recent request from Kelley Collins to draft a budget request for 2025. It was discussed and the proposal was to include \$175/month for 12 monthly meetings (\$2100 – 5 members and 1 alternate/mo.), \$1000 for operating expenses (\$1000), and \$1 for legal expenses (\$1) for a total of \$3101.00. Sean made a motion to propose \$3100 for the 2025 budget and after a second from Jacob, the motion was approved 4-0.

Cathy indicated that she is looking for an electronic file copy of the farmers agreement with Jake and Sarah Davis of Davis Natural Products since their contract is due to expire shortly and needs to be renewed. She is going to check with Kelley to see if she has one on file. Cort said he could see if he has a copy on record as well.

Under old business, there is no further information on any road improvements on the field. Sean suggested that we work with the USFS on a Memorandum of Understanding regarding the ROW the farmers are using to connect to the field. He thought Kevin may be able to assist us and get us directed in the right way.

Sean said that he would check with Kelley to make sure that the Forest Land Improvement invoice has been paid for the new Timber Management Plan that was recently completed.

With no further business and with no other public comment, Sean made a motion to adjourn and with a second from Cathy the motion was approved 4-0 and the meeting adjourned at 6:52 pm.

The next meeting date will be 10/1/24.

Cort Hansen, Conservation Commission Secretary.