

# MUSKEGON CONSERVATION CLUB

## Membership and Board Meeting Minutes

### December 9, 2025

**PRESIDENT:** Lance Sjoerdsma

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**VICE PRESIDENT:** Wally David

**SHORE COMMITTEE CHAIR:** Matt DeWeerd

**TREASURER:** Travis Wilson

#### **Board Members**

**FINANCIAL SEC:** Kathy Wilkerson (excused)

**2026:** Dave Stitz, Matt DeWeerd, Steve Van Dyke, Steve Joneson (excused)

**RECORDING SEC:** Heather David

**2027:** Lenny Pierce, Alicia Sjoerdsma, Mark Ellis (excused), Pam Stitz, Debra Joneson (excused), Mark Benjamin

**SERGEANT-AT-ARMS:** George Steward

**BUILDING AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE CHAIR:**  
Rick Kasack

**2028:** Rick Kasack, Bonnie Pierce, Paul Kitchka, Christian Scott, Teresa Steward

### GENERAL MEETING

**OPENING COMMENTS/NEW MEMBER:** Meeting began at 7:00 pm.

**BUILDING & PROPERTY:** Rick Kasack reported. Determining who will be doing the snow plowing is in the works. He is getting quotes. Wally noted the city shared we are responsible for clearing snow off the sidewalk in front of our property. Utility poles that are down are in the works of being replaced. Steve from Franklin AEL offered to donate the poles.

**GOVERNMENT RELATIONS:** Wally David reported. The City of North Muskegon was grateful for the donation. The Coastal Planning and Construction Grant was missed due to the government shutdown but we do qualify for it and can apply for next year. Wally has a grant writer working on putting it together.

**CAMPGROUND:** Lance shared that Mark Ellis is stepping down from the campground chair.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Lance reported. January 1<sup>st</sup> new memberships will begin and gate cards access will be adjusted accordingly.

**SPORTSMAN FOR YOUTH:** no report.

**ADOPT A HIGHWAY:** no report

**SHORE COMMITTEE:** Matt reported. Invoices for 2026 will go out January 1. They will be due March 3rd at 7:00 pm. If fee is not paid by April 7th, slip is forfeited. Wally noted we have access to a way to set up monthly payments through paypal. The club gets the full amount immediately and the member can pay monthly.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Steve from Franklin AEL is concerned about what he believes is being said about him to fellow contractors. It was made clear by the board that if there is a specific

person saying something that the person should be brought to the board. Request was made for bill of sale/purchase agreement for the barges to know who owns the barges and when they took possession. Dave from Elite Seawall reported he is waiting on the wall materials to be able to begin the next section.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Pam Stitz is overseeing clubhouse rental while Deb Joneson is out of the state. Board nominations are Steve Vandyke, Rob Morin, Steve Joneson, Matt DeWeerd. Executive board nominations are Heather Peterson for recording secretary, Kathy Wilkerson for financial secretary, Travis Willson for treasurer, George Steward for sergeant-at-arms, Dave Stitz for VP, Wally David for VP, Lance Sjoerdsma for president, Paul Kitchka for president.

**OTHER:** n/a

### **MCC BOARD MEETING**

**MINUTES:** Heather read meeting minutes. Travis motioned to accept the minutes with corrections (Mark Benjamin should be in the 2027 group of board members), Mark Benjamin 2<sup>nd</sup>, all favored, passed.

**New/Old Business:** Rick reported it would cost \$3200 - 4800 for pusher blade to put on our backhoe to plow. Travis' financial recommendation is that if we buy a blade it is a 2-3 year payback when compared to previous years snow plowing costs. Matt reported on travel lift sling quotes. The best one came in as \$2050 . Matt is still working on quotes for buoys. Rick stepped up to replace Mark Ellis on campground committee. He will do both campground and building and property. Matt made a motion to rescind the September 2<sup>nd</sup> motion to charge Franklin AEL's invoices for storage of the barges George 2<sup>nd</sup>. Ten voted yay with 10 required for 2/3s vote, motion carries. Request was made for a copy of the barge insurance. Travis motioned barges must be moved within a week, Paul second motion failed. Request was made to have plan moving forward with the barges to be articulated to Mark Benjamin. Dave from Elite Seawalls noted he would be pulling the barges out from the club when it is possible. Rick motioned that Dave and Steve get their barge deal done and get back with Mark Benjamin with bill of sale and proof of insurance by 12/23/25, Travis 2<sup>nd</sup>, motioned carried. Matt motioned to buy new slings for travel lift for \$2500, Dave 2<sup>nd</sup>, all favored, motion passed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Travis reported. (See sheets)

**BILLS:** Pam Stitz reported \$2809.39 in bills. Mark Benjamin motioned to pay the bills, Paul 2<sup>nd</sup>, all favored, motion passed.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** Steve Van Dyke motioned to adjourn, Travis 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor; passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:26 pm.