

## **August 24, 2020 Meeting Minutes**

### **7:00pm**

*NOTE: This meeting was conducted through the Zoom meeting platform due to COVID-19 restrictions. No in-person meeting was held.*

### **MEETING ATTENDEES**

#### **MARC BOARD MEMBERS**

Chris Johns, Tyler Dombroski, Frank Dombroski, Heather Good, Mike Mills, Dr. Kendra Boell, Dan Hartman, Dr. John Bulger, Larry Robertson, Bill Lavage

#### **MONTOUR SOLAR**

Donnie Johnson, Ben Kelahan

#### **MARC STAFF**

Bob Stoudt

#### **PUBLIC**

Wayne Kashner, Otto Kurecian (Columbia Montour Visitors Bureau), Tamara Wagner (Northcentral PA Conservancy), Renee Carey (Northcentral PA Conservancy), Nate Kunz

#### **MEDIA**

Joe Sylvester (Daily Item/Danville News), Geri Gibbons (Press-Enterprise)

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm by Chairman Mills.

### **MONTOUR SOLAR PRESENTATION**

Ben Kelahan, Community Outreach representative for Pattern Energy, presented an overview of the planned Montour Solar project, to be located in northern Montour County. Tyler Dombroski had several questions that pertained to the impact on wetlands, as well as what the long-term impact would have on the land once the usage life is exhausted. Stoudt also noted there may be some lands with preexisting land-use easements.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment at this time.

### **OFFICER REPORTS**

#### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Chairman Mills had nothing new to report.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Treasurer Tyler Dombroski reviewed the reports provided in the meeting agenda packet.

*Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report: Kendra Boell*

*Second: Bill Lavage*

*Motion passed unanimously*

## **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Chairman Mills called the group's attention to the minutes of the June 22 meeting as distributed with the meeting agenda packet. Chairman Mills reminded the group that no meeting was held in July.

*Motion to approve the June 22, 2020 meeting minutes as presented: Tyler Dombroski*

*Second: Frank Dombroski*

*Motion passed unanimously*

## **PARTNER REPORTS**

### **WASHINGTONVILLE BOROUGH**

Mayor Tyler Dombroski reported on two work days that took place in August. Stoudt continues to help with the swing set project. Tyler also noted that the kayak launch project is still in motion.

### **DANVILLE BOROUGH**

No report, although the board is still seeking a new representative for Danville Borough.

### **RIVERSIDE BOROUGH**

Bill Lavage did not have anything new to report at this time.

### **MONTOUR COUNTY**

Commissioner Hartman did not have anything new to report at this time.

### **DANVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Chris Johns reported that the district is following the PIAA vote to proceed with sports and plans to proceed with a fall athletic season and will continue to follow the health and safety guidelines that have been in place all summer.

### **MAHONING TOWNSHIP**

Larry Robertson did not have anything new to report at this time.

## **ASSISTANT DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Report provided in the meeting agenda packet.

## **MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN'S REPORT**

Reports provided in the meeting agenda packet.

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Report provided in meeting agenda packet. Stoudt called the group's attention to the updated version of the 2020 – 2025 MARC Strategic Plan distributed with the meeting agenda packet.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

No old business.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **APPROVAL OF STOUTD EXPENSE REPORT**

Stoudt provided an overview of his expense report provided with the meeting agenda packet. Stoudt noted that expenses included costs incurred since early June, including expenses reimbursed by the St. Joseph Catholic Church Catholic Heart Work Camp. Additional expenses were incurred during the time when MARC's debit card was being replaced. Stoudt requests reimbursement for \$6,290.10 in expenses as documented.

*Motion to approve payment of Stoudt's 8/24 expense report in the amount of \$6,290.10: Frank Dombroski*

*Second: Dr. Kendra Boell*

*Motion passed unanimously*

### **REVIEW OF POTENTIAL DANVILLE BOROUGH CANDIDATES**

Stoudt reported that two Danville Borough residents have expressed an interest in potentially serving on MARC's Board as Danville Borough Resident Representatives. Interested applicants are Mr. Nate Kunz and Mr. Chadd Roadarmel. Stoudt will provide letters of interest to Danville Borough staff for Borough Council's consideration.

### **MARC INTEREST IN COLUMBIA HILL ROAD (GEISINGER STEWARDSHIP FOREST ADJACENT) PROPERTY**

Stoudt reported that the owners of the land adjacent to the Geisinger Stewardship Forest have contacted MARC to determine whether or not MARC (or some other entity on MARC's behalf) will be able to purchase the property as previously considered. Stoudt reported that he had contacted all known funding sources and had been unable to find the necessary funding. The most viable source of funding would be through PA DCNR, but that will require a 20% match (\$200,000 of the asking price of \$1,000,000), as well as appraisals and other expenses for which MARC would need to find funding. MARC was unable to find matching funding in time for the 2020 grant round and it would be at least a year to a year and a half until MARC could possibly secure any 2021 grant funding. As a result, Stoudt requests approval to terminate MARC's efforts to acquire the parcel, though Stoudt will continue to offer assistance to other entities that may choose to pursue the opportunity.

*It was determined that no vote was necessary to discontinue this property "acquisition".*

### **PIRMA INSURANCE RENEWAL**

Stoudt presented the PIRMA insurance policy renewal, as presented on pages 52 – 60 of the meeting agenda packet. MARC's cost to renew the annual policy will be \$8,809, a cost reduction of \$196 from MARC's 2019 cost.

*Motion to approve: Dr. Kendra Boell*

*Second: Dan Hartman*

*Motion passed unanimously*

## **STOUDT PROPOSED BUDGET REVISION**

Stoudt presented an overview of the proposed budget revision as documented on pages 61 – 64 of the meeting agenda packet.

*Motion to approve: Dr. Kendra Boell*

*Second: Dan Hartman*

*Motion passed unanimously*

## **OTHER ITEMS**

No other items for discussion.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Mills adjourned the meeting at 8:06pm.

The next MARC Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 28, 2020.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chris Johns  
MARC Board Secretary