The meeting of the Mason Conservation District Board of Supervisors was called to order by Board Chair Jason Ragan at 4:01 pm.

Board Members present: Larry Boltz, Myron Ougendal, and Jason Ragan.

Staff present: John Bolender, and Jenifer Sliva.

Additional Attendees: Sharon and Ted Trask

September 20, 2018: The minutes were reviewed and approved.

(M – Boltz, S – Ougendal, Passed – Unanimously)

September Financial Report: Myron gave the September financial report. Check numbers 18939-through 18966 including EFT’s were issued in the month for the amount of $189,271.61. The report was approved as presented.

(M-Boltz, S – Ougendal– Passed -Unanimously)

PROGRAM & STAFF UPDATES

Introduction of Guests: Sharon Trask introduced herself to the Board as a candidate for Mason County Commissioner. Ted Trask introduced himself as Mason County landowner.

Finance & Accounting: Jenifer Sliva, Financial Accountant said budget is moving along and should be ready shortly for finance committee review.

The insurance claim for the Cyber-attack has been settled and payment of $51,226.68 has been received for the claim.

John Bolender, District Manager reported that the District notified the Port of its intention to stay at our current location in the coming year. In addition, a meeting is being scheduled with the Port to discuss long term lease options for the District.

Programs:

MCDPH- John reported that changes in staff at Mason County’s public health department have occurred recently.

NEW BUSINESS

WSCC SW Area RCPP Grant Addendum – John presented the $125,000 per year WSCC grant that assist the District in hiring a Forester to provide technical assistance to small, non-industrial, forest land owners in our area.

(M-Boltz, S-Ougendal, Passed-Unanimously)
Water Resource planning WRJA 14 – John presented the request to have a MCD member sit on the planning committee for WRJA 14. The board discussed the importance of having a MCD representative on the committee, however would prefer that member represent all constituents of the District. The Board approved the District participating as a member on the committee with the intention to represent all constituent viewpoints when possible.

(M-Boltz, S-Ougendal, Passed-Unanimously)

Landowner Donation – John presented a letter to the Board that was from landowner whom recently engaged in a project with MCD employees. The results of the project reflected the positive attitude on three MCD employees, Evan Bauder, Katrinka Hibler and John Bolender that were mentioned in the letter of appreciation. The letter also included a $500 cash donation to the District.

Guest Comments: Brief discussion took place regarding the background of the District and what current issues that Conservation Districts face with the guests that were present. Following that discussion with no further business the meeting adjourned at 5:06 pm.