

Topic	Process/Activity	Who	Notes
<b>Welcome and Virtual Housekeeping</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Welcome Message from Mark</li> <li>Overview of tools/tech we'll use today</li> </ul>	Mark Craven	<b>Roll call:</b> Craig Nelson, Laura Meyer, Cindy Reed, Larry Cochran, Bill Eller, Brynn Brady, Christy Roman, Dave Hedrick, John Switzer, Kirstin Haugen, Rachael Guth, Ron Shultz, Ryan Baye, Shirley St. John, Tom Salzer, Mark Craven, Stephanie Crouch, Cindy Reed, Audrey Ahmaan, Joy Garitone
<b>Discussion of Michigan CD Election Process</b>		John Switzer Christy Roman Rachael Guth	<p><b>General Background:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-75 CDs covering all 83 MI Counties</li> <li>-No state appropriated operations funding (eliminated in 2007). Supplemented grant funding with admin funding.</li> <li>-Boards of 5 directors, elected or <i>appointed</i> (allows district directors to appoint in event of a vacancy)</li> <li>-Nonpartisan elections occur at annual meetings (annual meetings are loosely defined)</li> <li>-CD determines when elections are held</li> <li>-Residents of the district vote during elections</li> <li>-MDARD oversees and certifies election results</li> </ul> <p><b>Overview of election requirements:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Standard term of office is 4 years</li> <li>-A director shall hold office until: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A successor has been elected</li> <li>- They resign and the resignation is accepted by the board</li> <li>- They pass away</li> </ul> </li> <li>-Appointed directors must run for the remainder of term at the next election.</li> <li>-Terms are staggered, so hopefully there aren't more than 1-2 up for election at a time.</li> </ul> <p><b>Election process - Petitions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Resident of the district, at least 18 years' old</li> <li>-Declare which open term they are seeking</li> <li>-Submit a petition signed by 5 residents of the district at least 60 days' prior</li> </ul> <p><b>Election process - Notice:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Notice must be published in newspaper at least 45 days' prior</li> </ul> <p><b>Election process - Annual meeting:</b></p>

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<b>Report on Information Requested by JCE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Legislative Engagement</li> <li>Election Costs</li> <li>CD Election Voter Data</li> </ul>	<p>Brynn Brady</p> <p>Ron Shultz</p> <p>Ryan Baye</p> <p>Bill Eller</p>	<p><b>Legislative engagement:</b> Recommendation would be to not bring legislators into meetings. Reason being that through conversations with legislators is that there is a pretty good idea of where they fall. There will be some that want changes and know what those changes are, others that will defer to CDs. Not sure what value would be added by bringing some into share what they want changed, as those desired changes have been shared.</p> <p>What would it cost to go on general election ballot (via district auditors)? Cost would wildly vary between counties. Low end is \$5,000, high end is \$1.5 million.</p> <p>Parking lot: How do auditors calculate costs? May not be including cities, more information from auditors.</p> <p>Bill presents a spreadsheet that has combined various pieces of information, including info from the 2021 election cycle, 2015-2020 elections, and 2001-2002 costs (when CDs were put on the general election ballot).</p>
<b>New options discussion</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presentation and discussion of any new options from matrix exercise.</li> </ul>	<p>Laura Meyer</p> <p>Group Discussion</p>	<p><b>Discussion of election options – from Matrix exercise:</b></p> <p>A. Hybrid: 4-year term held EOY + option of either 1) General Election or 2) Current process/more outreach hosted during Conservation Month (March)</p>

			<p>B. All positions appointed</p> <p>C. Commission runs CDs elections (close to current system, but run by SCC)</p> <p>D. Hybrid: 4-year term held EOY/staggered + Current process/more outreach hosted during Conservation Month (March)</p> <p>E. General Elections for all (NOT paid for by CDs) + 4-year term held EOY/staggered</p> <p>F. If no one files for position, SCC appoints to fill it</p> <p>G. Counties of certain population size (e.g. over 2 million) required to be on general election ballot.</p> <p><b>Option descriptions/assumptions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Unless noted in option language, assuming 3 elected and 2 appointed supervisors</li><li>- For option A, SCC would lead promotion of Conservation Month directing folks (voters/constituents) to CDs</li><li>- Assuming the position make-up (e.g., # of farmers), matches current requirement</li><li>- Rankings are meant to get a better understanding of potential options committee members may want to consider/explore in more detail; not meant to be a final vote or complete recommendation to move forward at this point.</li></ul>
<b>ADJOURN:</b>			