

Van Buren County Land Preservation Board
Meeting Agenda
Human Services West Building, 57418 CR 681, Hartford MI 49057
January 8, 2025 - 6:00 PM

[Join us on Zoom at Meeting](#) ID: 964 916 3255 Passcode: 535680

Name	Position	Representing	Expiration
Dave Foerster		Landowner Representative	3/1/2025
Carl Druskovich		Farmer Representative	3/1/2025
Chris Rickli		Farmer Representative	3/1/2025
		Elected Official	3/1/2025
Scott Cedarquist		County Planning Commission Rep.	3/1/2025
Julie Pioch		Environmental Representative	3/1/2025
Michael Matheny		Elected Official	3/1/2025
Emilly Hickmott		Conservation District Representative	3/1/2025
David DiStefano		County Commissioner	
		Realtor/Land Developer	

1. Call to Order – Emilly Hickmott, Chairperson
2. Approval of January 8, 2025 Agenda
3. Approval of [November 2024](#) Meeting Minutes
4. New Business:
 - a. [2025 Meeting Schedule](#) Second Tuesday of every other month beginning at 6:00 pm
 - b. Land Preservation Board Membership Recommendations to County Commission
 - c. Agricultural Preservation Boards of Michigan – Next meeting January 23, 2025 at 11:30 am Hilliard Building, 121 E Maple St, Mason, MI 48854
 - d. [NRCS Agricultural Land Easements Program](#)
5. Unfinished Business:
 - a. [Agricultural Preservation Fund Grant](#)
 - Grant Deadline March 7, 2025
 - Revised Press Release – Jan 22 Deadline
 - New Appraisal Guidelines
 - Selection of Property
 - Match Requirements
 - Marketing / Fundraising
6. Member Reports and Announcements
7. Adjourn

[Land Preservation Board](#)

[By-Laws](#)

Appointed by: Board of Commissioners

Members: Ten (10)

Term: Two Years