

**MEETING MINUTES OF MID-MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF ASSESSING OFFICERS
MULBERRY FORE GOLF COURSE
NASHVILLE, MI
JUNE 19, 2008 – 2:00 PM**

¹2:00pm: Attendees welcomed by President Julie Pulling

Invocation: Al Nykamp - lunch was served.

The treasurer provided a statement indicating that MMAAO has a fund balance of \$3,248.88. The report was approved.

The secretary's report from the April 23, 2008 meeting in Grand Rapids was approved.

The meeting immediately progressed to the main program which was a "colloquium," on land conservancies, developmental rights, farmland preservation, and the successes, challenges and issues, relating to each participant's responsibilities and their program subject were:

1. Kendra Wills, MSU Land Use Educator. Farmland preservation-politics-funding and the farmland preservation battleground.
2. April Scholtz, Land Protection Director of the Land Conservancy of West Michigan. Conservation easements.
3. Rich Harlow, MSU Program Manager of PA 116 also Preservation Coordinator for State Department of Agriculture. Successes, failures, trends-of PA 116 and other programs.
4. Dave Roberts, Chairman of the Eaton County Preservation Board and also a farmer, Township Supervisor elect. Commodity prices and the affects of farming versus preservation versus development.
5. Ken Kolker, Grand Rapids Press Editor. Panel moderator

The MMAAO logo was briefly discussed and was decided that the logo should continue to be attached to all proceeds, documents, website, etc.

51 Persons were in attendance.

50/50 Drawing was won by Chuck Zemla

3:47 pm meeting adjourned.

Submitted by,

Arthur D. Grimes

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Secretary

¹ The meeting was preceded by 26 persons participating in a golf outing at 9am the winning foursome was Bill Davis, Dan Bengel, Brian VanBlarcum, and Tim Vandermark.
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