

## **Chippewa East Mackinac Conservation District**

### **Board Meeting Minutes- May 10, 2011**

Attendees: Forbes McDonald, Tina Love, Tom Allan, Orv Kabat, Erin Satchell, Dusty King, Wendy Wagoner, and Corey Jerome.

The minutes of the April meeting and the treasurer's report and payment of bills were approved on a motion by Allan and second by Love. Carried.

Operation Windbreak- approx 1000 trees were planted by 12 people on M129 north and south of Pickford on April 27. A number of trees were burned by a landowner while he burned his ditches. He will be contacted and asked to replace them.

The Tree Sale report: 50,175 trees were sold. Gross sales were \$26,478.00.

Soil Erosion update was presented by Jerome. The Frontier Mascoma project in Kinross has submitted for their soil erosion permit

Watershed report by Jerome: The barium levels in the Munuscong watershed are abnormally high so more testing and research will be done here by LSSU this summer. Munuscong State campground is one of 23 that may be closed by the DNR. Pickford Twp is interested in taking over the site as a township park.

Natural Resources Conservation Service report was made by Dankenbring. The Conservationist in Luce West Mackinac CD is scheduled to retire next year – when this happens this service center may be taking over jurisdiction for that District as well. We are the only District in the state with land in all available cost share programs.

Emerald Ash Borer SLAM report: The new crew needs approval by the Board. Moved by Kabat and seconded by Love that Ryan Gill, Katelyn O'Boyle; Nick Cassel, Eric Mason, Jarrod Armstrong be hired and John Tobias, Kris King, Thomas Dowdell, Sheri Dewitt, Ben Andrews, Devin Gerzitech, Jesse Custer and Jeffrey Gamble be called back to work. Carried.

The engineer's report was presented by Satchell. This grant will expired on May 31. MDA and NRCS are working on a new grant but it is not ready yet so there may be an extension of one month on this one.

A public meeting for the Food Hub project will be held June 23 at the Bayliss Library in the Sault. Grants have been submitted to the Tahquamenon and the Mackinac Island Community Foundations to support this project.

Personnel policies were then reviewed by the board. All minor changes suggested by King were adopted on a motion by Kabat and seconded by Allan. Carried.

The Cooperative Weed Management Area report was given by Wagoner. There will be a mapping workshop May 18. Lotoszinski will be the presenter.

Meeting adjourned.