

Chippewa Luce Mackinac Conservation District

Board Meeting Minutes- September 11th, 2012

Board Members Present: Forbes McDonald, Orville Kabat, Tom Allan, Jane Bishop **Absent:** Tina Love
NRCS/District Staff Present: Kristina Denison, Michelle Jarvie, Erin Satchell, Trevor Paulus, Kent Dankenbring, Pat Carr, Monica Brandt **Absent:** Todd Insley
MDA Representative: Absent
Public Attending: Pat Hallfrisch

-- Introduction of new District Outreach and CWMA Coordinator Trevor Paulus, signing of his work agreement.
-- August Minutes and Treasurer's report reviewed. Motion by Kabat to pass, Second by Allan. Carried.
-- Pat Hallfrisch gave an update on the District property sale and presented documents regarding the sale for comment and review. Hallfrisch is also preparing/updating District's Forest Management Plan. Kabat motioned to move forward with timber sale, second by Bishop. Carried.

Project Reports:

-- Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS) Report – Dankenbring. Met with Bob Schweiderson in regards to August board meeting comments and has alleviated some of concern's, moving forward to assist landowner as much as possible. Chippewa Service center assisted state in providing ½ of the entire state goals for WRP's this year.
-- Engineer's Report – Satchell. CRP constructions carried out, 6 WRP bids open. Waiting on DEQ for permits and will begin staking soon. Satchell has accepted position with MDA and last day will be 9/28.
-- Michigan Agricultural Environmental Assurance Program (MAEAP) Report – Jarvie. Distributed deliverables and YTD report. Has been busy promoting MAEAP at various events. Has reached deliverables goal for the grant cycle.
-- Forestry Assistance Program (FAP) Report – Denison. Program moving forward, responses to postings have been generated and the first set of landowners have received their consulting forester lists. Interviews for Forester to be held September 19th.
-- Cooperative Weed Management Area (CWMA) Report – Rapid Response visits conducted, boot brush stations ready for installation, CWMA Fall Full Partner Meeting coming up September 13th. Need to create some literature on Queen Anne's Lace.

Other Business:

- CTAI Grant will be \$60,000 instead of \$65,000. Kabat will be on interview panel pending date.
- Auto Pollution Insurance Coverage at this time will cost \$152. Kabat motioned to accept. Second by Bishop. Carried.
- Kowalski Farmland Development Rights Agreement (PA 116) Application reviewed. Bishop motioned to accept. Second by Kabat. Carried.
- Budget reviewed. Final budget to be presented at October Board Meeting.
- Quick books training by MDA Accounting Consultant Colleen Reynolds occurred September 4th, Denison and Love were present.
- Chippewa County Fair was a success; everyone participated and was able to promote District and NRCS programs.
- NRCS All Partners Meeting to occur Tuesday Oct 2nd. All board members welcome.
- NACD Annual Conference. McDonald recommended putting in application for scholarship for Denison to attend.
- Hiring of new Soil Con. Dankenbring recommended that with Roger Quist in Manistique retiring the Board write a letter to Gary Leigh to support the hiring of a soil con at the Sault Office. Motion to move forward made by Bishop, supported by Kabat. Carried. Denison to draft letter of support for next meeting.
- Upcoming events include the CWMA Full Partner Meeting in Cedarville (9-13), NRCS Civil Rights Diversity Day Training in Marquette (9-18), Phase One MAEAP Field Day at Waishkey Bay Farm (9-20) and NRCS All Partners Meeting (10-2).

Bishop moved to adjourn meeting. Supported by Kabat. Meeting Adjourned.

