

Chippewa Luce Mackinac Conservation District

Board Meeting Minutes- October 9th, 2012

Board Members Present: Forbes McDonald, Tina Love, Orville Kabat, Tom Allan, Jane Bishop

Absent: None

NRCS/District Staff Present: Kristina Denison, Michelle Jarvie, Patrick Blanzky, Trevor Paulus, Pat Carr, Monica Brandt

Absent: Todd Insley, Kent Dankenbring

MDA Representatives: Jim Pawlowicz, Erin Satchell

Public Attending: None

-- Introduction of new Forestry Assistance Program Forester, Patrick Blanzky. Signing of work agreement.

-- August Minutes Reviewed. Motion to accept made by Kabat, second by Allan. Carried.

-- Treasurers Report Reviewed. Motion to accept made by Bishop, second by Kabat. Carried.

-- New MDA MAEAP Verifier Erin Satchell introduced himself to the board.

Project Reports:

-- Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS) Report – Carr. Spent much of the past month at various trainings and reviewing programs that are being completed.

-- Engineer's Report – Prepared by Satchell, presented by Denison. Updated files, met with Engineers from Marquette to ensure smooth transition. Packed up and handed over responsibilities. CTAI grant revision signed, update given that still waiting on NRCS end to move forward with filling vacancy. Denison to draft a letter to send requesting vacancy be filled in a timely manner.

-- Michigan Agricultural Environmental Assurance Program (MAEAP) Report – Jarvie. Has reached 108% of Deliverables for FY2012. Attended trainings, various meetings, and hosted a Phase One Meeting.

-- Forestry Assistance Program (FAP) Report – Denison. Held interviews and prepared documents for handover to new Forester. Continued to participate in public meetings and outreach to landowners and consultants..

-- Cooperative Weed Management Area (CWMA) Report – Paulus. Boot brush stations installed, Hosted full partner meeting in Cedarville, attended Michigan Invasive Species Coalition Meeting in Gaylord.

Other Business:

- An audit was done by Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, UIA Division on Friday September 21st. \$728.52 due for unreported wages and misreported tax amounts. Kabat moved to pay taxes, second by Bishop. Carried.
- MSU has a Lease on the District Property and is requesting permission to lay leftover chips on road following harvest. It will be approximately one small truck load. Board approves.
- An audit for FY2012 is not required; however, the District has decided to go ahead and have an audit done and get the books for Chippewa/East Mackinac wrapped up. Denison to move forward with this.
- FY2012 Budget reviewed for Approval, board would like timber sale added. Motion to accept budget with revision of timber sale from Love. Supported by Kabat. All members in favor, none opposed. Budget carried with amendment.
- Signs on US-2 and M-28 need to be updated to reflect new boundaries. Board agrees to change signs and maintain one for entering after Mackinac Bridge.
- Annual meeting will be held the last week in January at the Bruce Township Hall. Denison to make arrangements. Instead of guest speaker we will highlight the new programs going on at the District.
- Upcoming Events for the month of November were presented.

Approved 11/06/2012

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