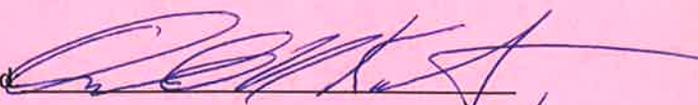


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Chippewa Luce Mackinac Conservation District

Board Meeting Minutes- November 6th, 2012

Board Members Present: Forbes McDonald, Tina Love, Orville Kabat, Tom Allan, Jane Bishop
Absent: None

NRCS/District Staff Present: Kristina Denison, Patrick Blanzly, Todd Insley, Nick Cassel
Absent: Kent Dankenbring, Pat Carr, Michelle Jarvie

MDA Representatives: Absent

Public Attending: Pat Hallfrisch

-- Pat Hallfrisch presented update on bids for District Property timber sale. One bidder, Bill Beacom, with a bid of \$25,072. Hallfrisch recommended to accept the bid. Kabat motioned to accept bid, second by Love. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried. Contract signed by McDonald. Hallfrisch recommends property be looked at in approx. 8 years for another cutting.

-- Nick Cassel was introduced as the new Outreach and CWMA coordinator, work agreement was signed by McDonald.

-- October minutes & treasurers report reviewed. Motion by Kabat to accept both, seconded by Allan, carried.

Project Reports:

-- Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS) Report – Denison distributed NRCS report which noted there is no budget until issues with the farm bill are sorted but discretionary programs will still be funded so there will be an EQIP signup as normal.

-- Michigan Agricultural Environmental Assurance Program (MAEAP) Report – Jarvie. Already completed multiple Asysts in the month of October to start out the new fiscal year as well as attending Farm Bureau Annual Meetings and working on Conservation Plans with NRCS.

-- (FAP) Report – 6 Field visits conducted in first 3 weeks, spoke/met with multiple Resource Management Professionals, worked on property sale and tree farm inspection as well as with NRCS and made updates to Forestry Page on Website.

-- Cooperative Weed Management Area (CWMA) Report – Cassel. Completed Poster Contest compilation, attended UMISC Conference in LaCrosse, met with Envirothon team at Soo High.

Other Business:

- Denison updated on status of merger. Luce Bank Account has been closed and money transferred to CLMCD account at CSB. Majority of paperwork has been completed and current grants transferred over. Still tying up final loose ends and waiting on UIA. Kabat suggested purchasing District Apparel with the new logo to ensure employees are recognizable and provide more recognition for the District.
- Appropriations Act reviewed. Bishop motioned to approve, seconded by Kabat. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried, paperwork signed by McDonald.
- Two certificates of Deposit in the amount of \$26,501.02 are up for renewal. They will stay at the personal rate of 1 percent if no action is taken and allowed to carry over. Suggestion was made to combine if there is no penalty. Motion made by Kabat to allow rolling over and combining if no penalty, supported by Bishop, carried.
- Direct Deposit for payroll. \$1.45 per check using QB Intuit payroll service. Denison to investigate options such as online banking and present findings at December meeting.
- MACD Membership. Love motioned to renew at Gold Level (\$1,000). Supported by Kabat. Carried.
- Fall Tree Sale recap given, approximately \$1,200 in net profit.
- Annual meeting set for January 24th, 2012 at 6:00 pm at the Bruce Township Hall.
- Rental agreements for storage sheds to be closed if no longer needed. McDonald and Denison to investigate and take appropriate action.

Kabat moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Bishop. Meeting Adjourned.