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Chippewa Luce Mackinac Conservation District

Board Meeting Minutes- January 8th, 2013

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

NRCS/District Staff Present: Kristina Denison, Michelle Jarvie, Nick Cassel, Pat Carr

Absent: Kent Dankenbring, Patrick Blanzly

MDA Representatives: Jim Pawlowicz

-- December minutes reviewed and treasurer's report reviewed. Motion made by Kabat to accept both as presented, seconded by Allan, carried.

Project Reports:

-- Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS) Report -- Presented by Carr. Most of December was spent in preparation for program sign-up which will conclude January 18th.

-- Michigan Agricultural Environmental Assurance Program (MAEAP) Report -- Given by Jarvie. To date has achieved 85 FY13 deliverables to reach 46.7% of grant expectation. Safe Food Risk Assessment brought before board to be added to MAEAP services, motion by Love to adopt, second by Bishop, all in favor, carried.

-- Forestry Assistance Program (FAP) Report -- Presented by Denison on behalf of Blanzly. Field visits and referrals continue to increase as well as outreach opportunities. On track for grant deliverables.

-- Cooperative Weed Management Area (CWMA) Report -- Given by Cassel. Invasive workshops have been advertised and given at schools. Working to promote district workshops for January.

Other Business:

- CTAI Engineer position interviews will be held at the end of the month or early February, Kabat will serve as board representative.
- The NRCS and District staff nominated Wallis Family farm for the 2012 Cooperator of the year Award and Waishkey Bay Farm for the 2012 Earth Steward Award. Kabat motioned to accept the nominations which was seconded by Bishop. Motion carried
- The District Van is in poor condition and should be dealt with before insurance and licensing expires. Kabat made a motion to junk the van for scrap metal, the motion was seconded by Bishop, none opposed, carried.
- Discussions about the need for acquiring a new district vehicle continued and Denison will look further into options to be presented at the next board meeting.
- The FY12 Audit review of the Chippewa/East Mackinac books was tabled to the next meeting due to time constraints.
- Direct Deposit has been set up and is in place.
- The three mile storage unit has been emptied and deposit returned.

Allan moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Love. Meeting Adjourned.

Orville Kabat