

**Chippewa Luce Mackinac Conservation District**  
**Board Meeting Minutes - April 2nd, 2013**

**Board Members Present:** Forbes McDonald, Tina Love, Orville Kabat, Jane Bishop, Thomas Allan.

**NRCS/District Staff Present:** Kristina Denison, Patrick Blanz, Mark Pittenger, Nick Cassel, Kent Dankenbring, Pat Carr. **Absent:** Michelle Jarvie, Todd Insley.

**NRCS/District Staff Present:** Absent

-- March minutes and treasurers reports were reviewed. Motion made by Kabat to accept, second by Allan, Carried.

**Program Reports:**

-- Farm Service Agency (FSA) Report. General CRP is going on however it is unclear how long it will be available so anyone that is interested should stop by the office for more information.

-- Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Report - Dankenbring. Currently working on additional applications for EQIP as well as working on converting the pre-approved contracts into full contracts. NRCS is currently still taking eligible applications that can be converted to other fund codes where NRCS still has funding available.

-- Michigan Agricultural Environmental Assurance Program (MAEAP). Jarvie, presented by Denison. Safe Food Asyst Training was completed and is now available to landowners. Dankenbring brought forward a request from the NRCS State Office for the approval of an application submitted by the MAEAP Technician (Jarvie) to become a Technical Service Provider (TSP) for counties below the bridge. As Jarvie was not present at the meeting and no formal request was made by her to the board for approval thus no action on the item was taken.

-- Forestry Assistance Program (FAP) Report. Blanz. Field visits are picking up and many are lined up for once the weather starts to cooperate. The timber tax workshop went well though unfortunately there was not as much attendance as expected.

-- District Outreach and Cooperative Weed Management Area (CWMA) Report. Cassel. Continues to provide educational outreach sessions at LSSU and for the general Public. The Phragmites Workshop was held in Cedarville with approximately 25 in attendance.

-- Conservation Technical Assistance Initiative (CTAI) Engineer Report. Pittenger. First month on the job was spent reading work materials, working on engineering programs, going to trainings and getting out in the field when opportunities arose.

**Other Business:**

- The Munuscong Watershed plan has been approved by the DEQ. Final reports and documents will be submitted by Carr, Lotoszinski and Denison.
- NRCS Field Office Review will be held April 16th and the NRCS Regional staff is requesting at least one board member be present. Denison will call board members as it gets closer to determine availability.
- Denison and Kabat went to Fernelius to speak with Brad Ormsby about possibly obtaining a vehicle for District use. He seemed open to the idea and said he would be in touch with Kabat.
- Tree Sale will be held April 19th and 20th at Kaines Ice Rink in the Sault and at the Newberry Ice Rink in Newberry.
- Policies for Review have been tabled to the next meeting.

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