

Approved: *J. J. M. M.*

Chippewa Luce Mackinac Conservation District
Board Meeting Minutes - October 7th, 2014

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

Absent: none

NRCS/District Staff Present: Kristina Denison, Mike McCarthy, Mark Pittenger, Kent Dankenbring, Pat Carr

Absent: Todd Insley, Nick Cassel, Brook Alloway

MDARD Representative: Jim Pawlowicz

The August meeting minutes and treasurers report were reviewed. Kabat moved to accept both. Second by Love. Carried.

Program Reports were presented:

- Farm Service Agency (FSA) Report
- Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Report
- Michigan Agricultural Environmental Assurance Program (MAEAP) Report
- Forestry Assistance Program (FAP) Report
- District Outreach and Cooperative Weed Management Area (CWMA) Report
- Conservation Technical Assistance Initiative (CTAI) Engineer Report

Other Business:

- The decision of the Michigan Compensation Appellate Commission in the appeal from the July 10, 2014 Administrative Law Judge decision stating the claimant was not disqualified for benefits under misconduct was reversed and ruled in the District's favor. The claimant will be required to re-pay back \$7,082 which she collected to the District's unemployment account.
- The date for the Annual Dinner Meeting has been set for January 22nd, 2014. Key note speakers, awards, and elections and petitions were discussed, no action taken at this time.
- An option for a SIMPLE IRA to be set up through the District for employees was brought before the board. The item was tabled and the board requested an independent accountant to come answer questions at a future meeting.
- The FY14 Audit review will take place on October 23rd, 2014.
- MACD Annual Meeting will take place October 27th through 29th at Shanty Creek Resorts in Bellaire, MI
- Due to the Executive Director attending a conference in Marquette when the regularly scheduled board meeting for November would normally be held, it was determined the next board meeting will be held Thursday, Nov. 6th, 2014.

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