


Approved: 

Chippewa Luce Mackinac Conservation District
Board Meeting Minutes – December 20th, 2016

Board Members Present: Forbes McDonald, Jane Bishop, Thomas Allan, Mike Kowalski, Orv Kabat

Absent: None

NRCS/District Staff Present: Kristina Denison, Nick Cassel, Travis Kangas, Pat Carr

MDARD Representative: Jim Pawlowicz

Public in Attendance: none

The November meeting minutes and Treasurers report were reviewed. Motion by Bishop to accept both, second by Kabat, motion carried.

Public Comments: None

Reports: Program Reports were distributed.

- Carr gave an NRCS update.
- Cassel gave a Three Shores CISMA Update
- Kangas gave a Forestry Assistance Program Update
- MAEAP (YTD/Goal) Risk Assessments (5/51), Re-Assessments (0/1), Verifications (7/26), Re-Verifications (0/2), Risk Reduction Practices (25/230), Phase One Approved Events (0/3).

Presentation by MDARD Rep. Jim Pawlowicz on “The Basics of Michigan Conservation Districts”

Old Business:

- Resource Assessment is underway. Data entry and compilation over winter.
- Still pending. Denison to seek tax bill information.
- District Board/Staff Development day has been postponed until new Executive Director on board.
- Discussion on MSU Extension Lease Request for Piche Property – revisit in spring.

New Business:

- Kangas has requested authorization to claim additional overtime hours for his trip to the National Tree Farm Conference in North Carolina in February. Kowalski motioned to approve up to 14 overtime hours for the trip. Second by Allan. Motion carried.
- EUPRPCD has requested a letter of support regarding their grant for Brownfield project funding. No financial support is required. Kabat motioned to provide the letter of support for the application, second by Kowalski. Motion carried.
- 2017 Appropriations Act was reviewed. Motion by Bishop to accept as presented, second by Kabat. A voice roll call vote was taken. Aye’s: Bishop, Kabat, Kowalski, Allan, McDonald. Nay’s: none. Carried.
- 2016 CLMCD awards discussed. Kabat motioned Sweet Grass Farms be awarded the 2016 Cooperator of the Year Award. Second by Allan. Motion carried. Allan motioned Ken Kerkhof of Northern Natives Erosion Control be awarded the 2016 Earth Steward Award. Second by Bishop. Motion carried.
- Annual Meeting preparations were discussed including food, agenda, and speaker.
- Denison informed the board she has accepted a new position in Minnesota and will be leaving the Chippewa Luce Mackinac Conservation District sometime in March. Under the assumption a formal resignation would be prepared, Kabat motioned to accept the resignation and wished Denison all the best in her new venture. Second by Kowalski. Motion carried.
- Application deadline for Executive Director Applications was set for January 20th, 2017. Denison will post the position broadly to maximize the potential applicant pool.

Other Items:

- The Audit Review was completed December 7th and 8th. Anderson Tackman is completing the report and should have copies available for review by early January.

Next Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 17th, 2017.

Allan moved to adjourn the meeting, supported by Bishop, motion carried. Meeting Adjourned.