

Approved: John Mura

Chippewa Luce Mackinac Conservation District
Board Meeting Minutes – May 8th, 2017

Board Members Present: Jane Bishop, Mike Kowalski, Forbes McDonald

Absent: Orv Kabat, Thomas Allan

NRCS/District/MDARD Staff Present: Mike McCarthy, Madeleine Cantu, Michelle Sweeten, Jim Powlowicz

Public in Attendance: None

Meeting called to order at 12:00pm

The April meeting minutes and April's treasurers were reviewed. Motion by Bishop to accept April's minutes and April's treasurer's report, second by Kowalski. Motion carried.

Public Comments: None

Reports: Program Reports were distributed.

- Cantu gave an NRCS update
- Sweeten gave MAEAP program updates.
 - MAEAP (YTD/Goal) Risk Assessments (12/25), Re-Assessments (0/1), Verifications (7/15), Re-Verifications (0/2), Risk Reduction Practices (91/150), Phase One Approved Events (3/3).

Old Business:

- Resource Assessment – No updates. McCarthy will work on draft for June meeting
- District Board/Staff Development day will be scheduled with new Executive Director when times allows. Discussion on MSU Extension Lease Request for Piche Property was discussed and a management strategy from MSU was reviewed. Bishop motioned that MSU could fulfill their lease requirement if the following steps were taken, Kowalski seconded. Motion carried. McCarthy will inform MSU of the decision.
 1. Shear and pile the poplar trees in the spring/summer 2017 along the north side of the property ensuring the logs don't encroach onto the adjacent property and no sprouting from the piled logs will occur
 2. Spray all cut stumps during the summer of 2017
 3. Re-spray/spot spray additional sprouts from cut stumps and plant red pine seedlings between the rows of poplar stumps in the spring of 2018
 4. The CLMCD will inquire no expenses from the above listed activities

New Business:

- District/NRCS office remodel was discussed. NRCS will coordinate with Farm Service Agency and Landlord. New office furniture was ordered and will be installed once carpet and paint is done.
- Spring Tree sale was discussed. District sold all available trees for spring 2017 and sale went very well.
- Associate Director Policy Draft was reviewed and discussed. Kowalski motioned to accept the Associate Director Policy and add to the CLMCD Policy Book, Bishop seconded. Motion carried.
- The open forester position will close on May 26th, 2017. Interviews will be scheduled shortly after.
- Additional U.S. Forest Service funding of \$40,400.00 was offered to CLMCD for additional outreach and phragmites work. Bishop motioned to accept an additional \$40,400.00 from the U.S. Forest service for outreach and phragmites work, Kowalski seconded. Motion carried.
- The annual employee dishonesty policy was reviewed as part of CLMCD's insurance policy requirements
- Bishop requested to attend the 2017 MACD Summer Conference in Bay City on June 5th and 6th 2017 using District funds. Kowalski motioned to pay for Bishop to attend the 2017 MACD Summer Conference, Bishop Seconded. Motion carried.