

Approved: *Forbes McDonald*

Chippewa Luce Mackinac Conservation District
Board Meeting Minutes – November 8th, 2016

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

Absent: None

NRCS/District Staff Present: Kristina Denison, Mike McCarthy Pat Carr

MDARD Representative: none

Public in Attendance: none

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

Public Comments:

None

Reports:

- Program Reports were distributed.
- Carr gave an NRCS update.
- McCarthy gave a MAEAP update.
- MAEAP (YTD/Goal) Risk Assessments (1/51), Re-Assessments (0/1), Verifications (0/26), Re-Verifications (0/2), Risk Reduction Practices (0/230), Phase One Approved Events (0/3).

Old Business:

- Resource Assessment is underway. Assessments have been received via mail and through the link on the webpage. Assessments are due November 30th, 2016.
- Still no news on the Cousino Property Donation. Denison will continue to gather information as it becomes available.
- Discussion still in progress regarding a District Development Day for Board and Staff. Denison and Bishop will continue to work together on this.
- Discussion on MSU Extension Lease Request for Piche Property. MSUE has requested the District provide recommendation of what they would like planted/removed. Denison will work with Kangas over winter to evaluate and provide recommendations.

New Business:

- May PA 116 Application Review was presented. Motion by Kowalski to recommend application for approval, second by Bishop, carried.
- MACD Annual Membership Dues Request was made. Kabat motioned to pay MACD 2017 dues at \$1,000, second by Kowalski, motion carried.
- Denison has requested the board support her attendance at the NACD North Central Region Board Meeting in St. Louis January 9-10th. Travel and accommodation are being provided by NCDEA, Denison is requesting paid time to attend and participate. Motion by Kabat to approve the request, second by Bishop, motion carried.
- Bishop provided an update from the MACD Annual Meeting held in Bellaire, MI.

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- Denison provided a review of the current insurance policies held and considerations for future planning based on expansion of invasive species programs.
- Appropriations Act will be ready for review and approval for the December Board Meeting
- A list of staff nominations was presented to the Board for voting for the 2017 Cooperator of the Year and Earth Steward. Selections will be made at the December Board Meeting

Other Items:

- The Conservation District was awarded the 2016 Envirothon District of the Year. The award was presented to the District at the MACD Annual Meeting in Bellaire.
- Chippewa County Allocation meeting was held November 7th, Denison and Kabat represented the District at the meeting
- Annual Dinner Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 26th, 2017 at the Bruce Township Hall
- Audit Review is scheduled for December 7th and 8th

Next Board meeting is re-scheduled to Tuesday, December 20th due to Executive Director being scheduled for annual leave during the normal meeting date.

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