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**Chippewa Luce Mackinac Conservation District**  
**Board Meeting Minutes - December 8th, 2015**

**Board Members Present:** Tom Allan, Jane Bishop, Tina Love

**Absent:** Forbes McDonald, Orville Kabat

**NRCS/District Staff Present:** Kristina Denison, Tim LeQuier, Nick Cassel, Mike McCarthy

**MDARD Representative:** none

**Public in Attendance:** Joan Roney

The November 3rd meeting minutes were reviewed. Bishop motioned to accept, second by Love. Carried.  
The November Treasurers Report was reviewed. Motion by Love to accept, second by Bishop. Carried.

There were no Public Comments.

- Tim LeQuier gave an NRCS program report/update
- Program Reports were distributed. MAEAP and Invasives were presented.
- MAEAP (YTD vs Goal) Risk Assessments (14/50), Re-Assessments (0/3), Verifications (3/12), Re-Verifications (0/3), Risk Reduction Practices (109/230), Phase One Approved Events (0/3).

Old Business:

- Planning still in progress for Annual Dinner Meeting. Four candidates for Director Elections (Mike Kowalski, Forbes McDonald, Kathryn O'Donnell and Joan Roney)
- Audit was completed first week of November, have not received it yet from Anderson Tackman.
- Only one new computer was purchased, the MAEAP computer was able to be fixed for \$50.00

New Business:

- Appropriations Act was reviewed. Love made a motion to accept as presented, second by Bishop. A roll call vote was taken. Bishop, Aye. Love, Aye. Allan, Aye. Motion Passed.
- Love motioned Tom Allan become the interim signatory on Central Savings Bank Checking Account and Old Mission Bank Accounts to cover election gap. Second by Bishop. Carried.
- Annual Meeting Award Nominations. Love nominated Mike Kowalski for the MAEAP Farmer of the year award, second by Bishop, carried. Bishop nominated the Les Cheneaux Watershed Council for the Cooperator of the Year award, second by Love, carried. Love nominated Louis Paynter for the Earth Steward Award, second by Bishop, carried.
- NACD Annual Meeting. Both Orville Kabat and Jane Bishop were awarded scholarships to have registration costs covered for attendance at the conference. A motion was made by Love to cover round trip flight and four nights hotel for Bishop and Kabat. Any additional costs will be covered by the individual. Second by Bishop, carried.
- A Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) grant application is proposed to be submitted in the amount of approximately \$12,000 for invasive species work on the North Country Trail. A motion by Bishop was made to apply for the grant, second by Love. Carried.
- The Chippewa County Health Department has approached the District about submitting a grant on their behalf for planning work at Brimley State Park. As the information provided was minimal, a motion was made by Love to agree to submit on their behalf with the contingency the Board has

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an opportunity to review the full grant proposal and make a final vote via e-mail prior to submission. Second by Bishop, carried.

- A resource assessment committee will be put together following the Annual Meeting. Love volunteered to participate.
- Correspondence was received by MDARD regarding District Board Election protocols. District is in compliance with all procedures.
- Denison will be on vacation the week of December 14th-18th.

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