

Approved: Y. Huhmull

Chippewa Luce Mackinac Conservation District
Board Meeting Minutes – April 11th, 2017

Board Members Present: Jane Bishop, Thomas Allan, Forbes MacDonald

Absent: Orv Kabat, Mike Kowalski

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

Public in Attendance: Tyler Augst

Meeting called to order at 12:03pm

The March meeting minutes were reviewed. Motion by Allan to accept February's minutes second by Bishop. Motion carried. The March treasurer's report was reviewed. Motion by Bishop to accept February's treasurer's report, second by Allan. Motion carried.

Public Comments: Tyler Augst spoke briefly about his service learning position at the EUP ISD and wanted to make sure the District knew he was available to help conduct service learning projects in the area.

Reports: Program Reports were distributed.

- Cantu gave an NRCS update and Annual Civil Right Review
- Sweeten gave MAEAP program updates.
 - MAEAP (YTD/Goal) Risk Assessments (12/51), Re-Assessments (0/1), Verifications (7/26), Re-Verifications (0/2), Risk Reduction Practices (91/230), Phase One Approved Events (3/3).

Old Business:

- Resource Assessment data has been compiled. No new updates.
- District Board/Staff Development day will be scheduled with new Executive Director when times allows.
- Discussion on MSU Extension Lease Request for Piche Property will be discussed at the May meeting.
- Six invasive species crew members were hired for the 2017 field season and will start May 15th.
- McCarthy's transition is still going well and McCarthy will be attending a QuickBooks session at the MACD Summer Conference in June. Additional assistance may be needed in the future. No news on McCarthy's Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control license yet.

New Business:

- Bids were reviewed for new office furniture. Bishop motioned to accept the bid from National Office Supply in the amount of \$5,198.50 for the new furniture and to allow McCarthy to purchase any additional office equipment necessary accompany the new furniture. Allan second. Motion carried.
- Bids for the invasive species program truck lease were reviewed. Allan motioned to accept the lease bid from O'Connor's of Pickford in the amount of \$ 682.52/month for 18 months. Bishop second. Motion carried.
- Associate Director Policy was reviewed. No action was taken. Will review again at May meeting.
- The 2017 Deer Habitat Improvement Program Initiative was awarded to the District in the amount of \$10,000. Bishop motioned to accept the 2017 Deer Habitat Improvement Program Initiative in the amount of \$10,000. Allan second. Motion carried.
- A travel request for Sweeten was reviewed. Allan motioned to allow Sweeten to use District time to travel. Bishop second. Motion carried.
- Dave Jentoft sent request for the District to help provide lunch for a group of Engadine School children helping to plant trees in Mackinac County. Bishop motioned to pay up to \$60 for lunch. Allan second. Motion carried.

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- Kangas informed the District that he will be leaving his position as of May 5th 2017. Bishop motioned to re-hire for the position pending MDARD approval. Allan second. Motion carried.

Next Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 9th, 2017.

Bishop moved to adjourn the meeting, supported by Allan, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:46pm