

Approved: Charles M. Vukobratovic

Chippewa Luce Mackinac Conservation District
Board Meeting Minutes - December 2nd, 2014

Board Members Present: Forbes McDonald, Tom Allan, Jane Bishop, Orville Kabat

Absent: Tina Love

NRCS/District Staff Present: Kristina Denison, Mike McCarthy, Mark Pittenger, Nick Cassel, Brook Alloway, Pat Carr, Kent Dankenbring

Absent: Todd Insley

MDARD Representative: Absent

The November meeting minutes and treasurers report were reviewed. Kabat moved to accept both. Second by Bishop. Carried.

Program Reports were presented:

-- Farm Service Agency (FSA) Report

-- Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Report

-- Michigan Agricultural Environmental Assurance Program (MAEAP) Report

-- Forestry Assistance Program (FAP) Report

-- District Outreach and Cooperative Weed Management Area (CWMA) Report

-- Conservation Technical Assistance Initiative (CTAI) Engineer Report

Other Business:

- Anderson & Tackman representative Jamie Leach gave a short presentation on SIMPLE IRA's and answered questions regarding logistics of offering a SIMPLE IRA option to employees.
- Anderson & Tackman representative Bob Haske gave a presentation on the Audit Review that occurred regarding the Conservation District's accounting and general procedures. No issues found as a result of the review.
- Permission to acquire a trailer and four-wheel ATV if funding is approved under the Michigan Invasive Species Grant Program was requested by Cassel and Denison. Kabat motioned to approve the proposal with the addition of the acquisition of new equipment, second by Bishop, carried.
- Annual Dinner Speaker will be Steve Yanni, Land Grant Director at Bay Mills Community College to talk about Seasonal High Tunnels and other programs.

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