

Approved: *Orville Kabat*

Chippewa Luce Mackinac Conservation District
Board Meeting Minutes - May 12th, 2015

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

Absent: Tina Love, Tom Allan

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

Absent: Kent Dankenbring, Todd Insley

MDARD Representative: Absent

The March meeting minutes were reviewed. Bishop motioned to accept, second by Kabat. Carried.

The March treasurers report was reviewed. Kabat motioned to accept, 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:

- Tree sale went smoothly and Denison will provide a financial update at the June Meeting.
- Chippewa County Allocation funding in the full amount requested (\$26,000) was provided to the District in April.
- 20 Landowners are participating in the Deer Habitat Improvement Program Incentives Grant and attended a workshop to pick up materials and learn proper planting techniques on May 2nd.
- The District has been chosen to continue as the Fiscal Agent of the Eastern Upper Peninsula Cooperative Weed Management Area.
- The UPRC&D Council would like to partner on a grant for "Phragmites Prevention and Control Coalition of Michigan's Upper Peninsula." They will provide \$6,000 in funding to the district to assist with activities in the Eastern Upper Peninsula related to the grant. Kabat motioned to partner on the project and accept the \$6,000 in funding in return for the District providing the services requested by the Grant. Second by Bishop, all in favor, carried.
- Two new seasonal employees will be employed under the DNR Invasive Species Grant Award.
- White Pine Plantings under the "On Track to a Greener Michigan" initiative are under way in the month of May with 10 schools and 1 sportsman's club participating.
- The area eligible for the Hunting Access Program has expanded after the Natural Resources Commission passed a decision on May 7th to expand the small game hunting area in the UP.
- The next board meeting will be postponed one week due to the Michigan Association of Conservation District's Annual Meeting being held during the regularly scheduled meeting.

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