

Chippewa East Mackinac Conservation District

Board Meeting Minutes- June 20, 2011

Attendees: Forbes McDonald, Tina Love, Tom Allan, Orv Kabat, Jane Bishop, Kent Dankenbring, Pat Carr, Erin Satchell, Dusty King, Wendy Wagoner, Corey Jerome and Hank Lotoszinski. Guest Jim Pawlowicz from MDA.

The minutes of the May meeting were approved on a motion by Kabat and second by Love. The treasurer's report and payment of bills were approved on a motion from Bishop and second by Allan.

The Cooperative Weed Management Area report was given by Wagoner. A contract to have Luce West Mackinac Conservation District do some work under this grant in their area was presented. Moved by Allan and seconded by Kabat to sign this grant. Carried. We have been asked to partner with the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians on a grant from the UP RC&D Council's RIPIT UP project. This is a small grant of \$2,000 and the work will be done in the city and on their property this year. Approved by Kabat and seconded by Bishop.

Natural Resources Conservation Service report was made by Dankenbring. Pat Carr has received his conservation planner status.

Watershed report by Jerome- we have received a Great Lakes Commission grant of \$2,847 to do some river cleanup on the Munuscong River. Moved by Allan and Kabat that we accept this grant. Jerome to purchase a canoe.

The engineer's report was presented by Satchell. Grant has been renewed. Motion by Kabat and seconded by Bishop to sign grant. Carried. There are funds to give Satchell a raise. Moved by Kabat and seconded by Allan that this be retroactive to January start date. Moved.

Emerald Ash Borer SLAM report presented by Wagoner.

Lotoszinski working in area for a few days presenting for the CWMA meeting and doing soil erosion site visits. He will also be involved in setting up mapping for the Sault Tree inventory project.

Food Hub project- there will be a public meeting June 23 at the Bayliss Library in the Sault.

Northern Wild Plant & Seed Coop report- Neil Moran has published a book called "North Country Gardening with Wildflowers". This book will be available through the Coop.

Office Space – King proposes we attempt to rent space here in the service center. Projected cost \$645 per month. Discussion with NRCS is favorable. Mike Lapointe suggests we have the space taken right off their lease and make a deal with the landlord directly. King and Dankenbring to follow up.

Chairman McDonald has been approached by a logger to have the Sand Ridge Forest red pine thinned. A contract has been presented. He asks that some followup occur. King to contact state DNR and a forester in Delta regarding this. Kabat moves and Love seconds that McDonald and King make the final deal. Carried.

Pawlowicz reports that Delta Conservation District is buying stat land at good prices. King to research this possibility for us. (Contact Jentoft with DNR)

Meeting adjourned.

