

## **Chippewa East Mackinac Conservation District**

### **Board Meeting Minutes- August 2, 2011**

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

The minutes of the June meeting and the treasurer's report and payment of bills were approved on a motion by Kabat and second by Bishop. Carried.

Negotiations are still underway for more office space in the Service Center. Dankenbring to call a CAC (interagency ) meeting to discuss this.

Pat Halfrisch visited the Sand Ridge Forest site and recommends a management plan be written as a timber sale is a logical next step. King is to take pictures of the stands. (possible aeriels) Halfrisch to do the plan. King to investigate Farm Bill and Stewardship Incentive Program cost share opportunities.

Watershed report- Jerome. We have been notified that we did not receive the DEQ 319 grant for the Charlotte River Planning project. Jerome to call legislature concerning the fact that no funding from this grant cycle was distributed in the EUP.

Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Program- there are 25 active permits. 15 were closed out his year to date.

Natural Resources Conservation Service report was made by Dankenbring. Summer construction is underway. Dankenbring to investigate why hay cannot be stored on a WRP easement.

Emerald Ash Borer SLAM report- Wagoner. Michael Lilliquist is a new seasonal worker for this project.

Engineer's report was made by Satchell. Cole, Bishop, Carlson, Hillock and Kruch are contracts being worked on this summer.

Food Hub project: A Sault Community Foundation grant application is being written to continue funding for this project. One outcome of this grant will be to print another issue of Home Grown. Moved by Bishop and seconded by Kabat that we move forward with this application. Carried.

Cooperative Weed Management Area Report. Wagoner reports that she will be resigning September 30. A new grant for next fiscal year for this project of \$40,000 has been received from the US Forest Service. Also we have been informed that our share of the Garlic Mustard eradication grant will be \$10,000.

Rip It Up Project- we have been approved for an additional \$2000 to work with the Sault Tribe.

Boundary change become a tri county district discussion then occurred. Pawlowicz explains the steps involved in a move of this sort from a legislative standpoint. Kabat suggests we have discussion with the Luce West Mackinac Conservation District Board. McDonald, Kabat, Love and King will travel to Newberry to attend their next board meeting on August 8.

Meeting adjourned.