

Chippewa East Mackinac Conservation District

Board Meeting Minutes- November 1, 2011

Attendees: Forbes McDonald, Orv Kabat, Jane Bishop, Tom Allan, Tina Love, Dusty King, Todd Insley, Corey Jerome, Kent Dankenbring, and Pat Carr. Guests: Mike Lapointe- NRCS, Johnathon Miller and Todd Miller-LWMCD. The minutes of the October meeting were approved on a motion from Kabat and second by Bishop. The treasurer's report and payment of bills were approved on a motion by Love and second by Kabat. Carried.

Engineer's report was made by Satchell. He was then excused to work in the field with the NRCS engineer.

Soil Erosion update and the Munuscong Watershed report were given by Jerome.

Emerald Ash Borer SLAM report was presented by Insley. There will be a grant amendment for an additional \$32,000 to keep the crew working until November 30. Moved by Kabat and seconded by Love that McDonald sign this amendment for the board when it's received. Carried.

The Cooperative Weed Management Area Report was available. Wagoner's last day will be November 4. Insley will assume this position in December.

Natural Resources Conservation Service report was made by Dankenbring. Conservation plans signed for Hall, Turner, Bokor, Belinski, (GRP)-Shunk, Shilts, and Allan. Discussion followed regarding who could sign plans on behalf of the Board. Decision to have Directors continue to do this and not the executive director. There was a locally led work group meeting

Executive Director position advertisements are out. Advertising will continue until December 1. Several Board members reviewed resumes to date.

Haske at Anderson Tackman will again do a single audit for the District at the same cost as last year (\$4500). A letter of acceptance was signed by McDonald on a motion by Love and second by Allan. Carried.

The District is partnering with MSU Extension and the Farm Service Agency to bring Annie's Project – a series of workshops for farm women- to the area starting in February and running for six weeks.

The MACD (State wide) Convention will be in Mt Pleasant from Dec 6-8. Staff plan to attend. Directors are encouraged to attend at least one day.

Merger with Luce West Mackinac Conservation District discussion followed. Lapointe provided the two Districts with his thoughts on the merger and possible changes within NRCS. A newsletter will be issued within both areas to involve landowners in this process. CEMCD will take on the administrative duties for LWMCD as this process continues.

Meeting adjourned.