

Chippewa East Mackinac Conservation District

Board Meeting Minutes- December 6, 2011

Attendees: Jane Bishop, Tom Allan, Tina Love, Dusty King, Todd Insley, Erin Satchell, and Pat Carr. The minutes of the November meeting were approved on a motion from Bishop and seconded by Allan. The treasurer's report and payment of bills were approved on a motion by Allan and second by Bishop. Carried.

Natural Resources Conservation Service report was made by Carr. The field season is over. Bay Mills Indian Community is starting a farm at Brimley and are interested in all Farm Bill programs available. King to get a sample land lease from FSA for the EQIP contract for our Sand Ridge Forest project. Maple Woods conservation plan was signed.

Engineer's report was made by Satchell. He is starting the winter work of I&E's and design work..

We have been awarded a Michigan Agricultural Environmental Assurance Program grant. Details to follow.

Emerald Ash Borer SLAM report- final reports are due to the DEQ. King and Insley to followup.

The Cooperative Weed Management Area Report was made by Insley.

Soil Erosion update- There will be discussion at the state convention about an expansion in the Critical dunes project. Insley to attend session

Operation Windbreak- DEQ Community forest grant of \$1,000 has been awarded for this project. Moved by Bishop and seconded by Allan that we accept this grant and Bishop sign on behalf of the board. Carried.

The MACD (State wide) Convention will be in Mt Pleasant from Dec 6-8. King, Wagoner, Lotoszinski plan to attend.

Merger with Luce West Mackinac Conservation District- King is now the acting administrator for that District.

Watershed report- Jerome contract is ending December 31. The DEQ has suggested we request a six month extension for the Munuscong Watershed Planning Project. King recommends we contract with Peninsula Environmental Consulting to finish this project. Moved by Bishop and seconded by Allan that we extend the DEQ contract and hire PEC. Carried. King to discuss employee contracts etc at convention session.

Executive Director position resumes were ranked by Board. King to have McDonald and Kabat review same along with Dankenbring and Carr.

Meeting adjourned.