

Chippewa East Mackinac Conservation District

Board Meeting Minutes- March 6, 2012

Attendees: Forbes McDonald, Orv Kabat, Jane Bishop, Tom Allan, Tina Love, Dusty King, Kristina Denison, Todd Insley, Michelle Jarvie, Erin Satchell, Pat Carr and Kent Dankenbring.

February minutes and treasurers report were reviewed. Kabat moved to accept both, seconded by Allan, motion carried.

Natural Resources Conservation Service report was made by Dankenbring. The number of EQIP applications approved and accepted is steadily increasing. Difficulty of getting acceptance and approval in the area of Waste Storage continues.

Cooperative Weed Management Area Report was given by Insley. Clarity is needed on what is required for insurance and whether to use LLC or go directly through Conservation District as a business. Wait to see how Dickinson County reconciles.

Need to talk to politicians to push for Conservation District Forester. District Foresters can provide unbiased comprehensive plans and then hand off to private sector. Especially useful for landowners with smaller plots of land.

Sault Area Watershed report was made by King. Goal is to put in grant. Community meeting announcement for March 16th was made.

Munuscong Watershed report was given by King. Corey Jerome will stay on for Soil Erosion and if needed Hank is also available. Final report is in the hands of Carr and Hank.

Engineer's Report was made by Satchell. Currently working on EQUIP applications and a new "Microembankment" standard for Michigan.

Emerald Ash Borer SLAM project was made by Insley. Most likely no funding will be coming for project this year as Michigan Tech obtained the grant.

Office Space swap with Forest Service still pending. Decision is to wait it out until certain where/what Insley will be doing this summer. As far as Rural Development/Forest Service move we will just wait until they decide as well.

Merger with Luce West Mackinac CD. After discussion Kabat moved to join with LWMCD and the motion was seconded by Love. Motion Carried. 4 affirmative votes, 1 abstain. Letter will be drafted to be signed by all board members.

Audit reviewed. Motion to accept made by love, second by Kabat. Carried.

Policies- tabled to next month.

Meeting adjourned.