

Chippewa East Mackinac Conservation District

Board Meeting Minutes- May 1, 2012

Attendees: Forbes McDonald, Orv Kabat, Tina Love, Dusty King, Kristina Denison, Michelle Jarvie, Erin Satchell, Pat Carr, Kent Dankenbring, Hank Lotozinski

Wells Fargo District credit card closed as they would not change over upon retirement. Denison to open new account with Old Mission.

Farm Bureau Partnership. District holds membership, continue relationship. Up to CD staff who goes and participates in which aspects.

April minutes and treasurers report were reviewed. Kabat motioned to accept both, seconded by Love, motion carried.

Unpaid bills report made. Motion by Love to accept, Second by Kabat. Carried

Discussion on the issue of rental space and increasing costs. For now it is in our best interest to remain co-located and to sign agreement with NRCS. Going forward we will try to incorporate extra costs into the grant costs. Kabat made an official motion to sign agreement with NRCS. Love Seconded, carried.

CWMA contract for next grant cycle is at \$28,800. Kabat motioned to sign, Love supported. Carried.

MDA Forestry Outreach Grant. Denison will complete the grant requirements. Tina motioned to accept, Supported by Kabat. Carried.

Chippewa/Luce/Mackinac Merger public meeting to be held May 29th at 1:30 pm. Discussion over board members/terms and how they will be decided under new structure and whether any board members are willing to step down. No official decisions made.

A copy of MACD Policies and procedures packet along with the Districts current policies were handed out for review. To be discussed at a later date.

The Strategic Plan and annual Plan of work presented by King. To be reviewed for comments and suggestions.

Tree Sale went smoothly this year in both Sault Ste Marie and Newberry and a profit of roughly \$6,000 was made.

Over 1,200 trees were planted through Operation Windbreak on April 24th this year with partners from Cloverland, MDOT, Waste Management and the District working together to make the day an overall success.

Sixth grade camp will be May 3-4th. Jarvie will be doing watershed presentation and Denison will be doing soils presentation representing the District.

Envirothon May 9-11. Denison, Jarvie, Satchell, and Dankenbring will participate at various levels.

Dankenbring noted changes in Farm Bill that will affect FSA and NRCS. Everyone to review.

Motion to adjourn by Kabat. Seconded by Love. Carried.