

# Chippewa East Mackinac Conservation District

## Board Meeting Minutes- July 10, 2012

Attendees: Forbes McDonald, Tina Love, Orville Kabat, Jane Bishop, Tom Allan, Kristina Denison, Michelle Jarvie, Erin Satchell, Jim Pawlowicz, Kent Dankenbring, Pat Carr, Monica Brandt

June minutes and Treasurer's report reviewed. Kabat motioned to accept, seconded by Love, carried.

Kabat nominated Forbes for position of chairperson. Second by Love. Carried. Forbes motioned to keep positions the same and appoint Tom Allan as 5<sup>th</sup> board member. Supported by Love. A vote to keep positions the same and appoint Allan was taken, no opposition. Carried. New board members:

Chair Person:	Forbes McDonald	3 year term
Treasurer:	Tina Love	3 year term
Board Member:	Orville Kabat	2 year term
Board Member:	Jane Bishop	2 year term
Board Member:	Tom Allan	1 year term

NRCS Report was given by Dankenbring. Landowners are in final stages of paperwork for selection process for WRP contracts, trainings were attended and many wind break/tree plantings have been certified through EQIP and WHIP.

MAEAP Report was given by Jarvie. Multiple Farm-Asyst tools have been completed on Chippewa Farms, trainings attended and new partnerships created.

Engineer's Report was made by Satchell. WRP designs are currently being prepared for bidding, WRP sites were visited with MDEQ and TransCanada, and two new designs for WRP are in progress.

Forestry Report was made by Denison. Forestry Outreach program is underway. Duck lake fire meeting attended to introduce landowners to the program. Will be looking to post Forester job opening soon.

CWMA in need of a new Coordinator. Allan made a motion to authorize Denison to hire a qualified individual to take on CWMA Coordinator position. Supported by Kabat. Vote was taken, none opposed.

Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control (SESC) program update made by Denison. Staff will prepare SESC fee schedule change/adjustment recommendations to be reviewed for 2013.

Chippewa/Luce/Mackinac Conservation District merge went into effect July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012 but financial aspects will go into effect October 1<sup>st</sup> with start of the new fiscal year. Luce/West Mackinac 2009 Annual Report to be completed before merger can be fully carried out. Kabat moved to go forward with all the necessary measures to solidify the merger. Seconded by Bishop. Carried.

MACD conference was well attended in Gaylord. Denison to contact Fischer Insurance and express interest in Auto Pollution Coverage. QuickBooks training to be determined under discretion of Denison.

The plan for the district property being prepared by Pat Hallfrisch is wrapping up and should be ready by the next board meeting.

Fall Tree Sale will likely be larger than most years due to Duck Lake Fire in Luce County. Plan to have a sale in Newberry as well as Sault Ste Marie. Denison to look into getting tree planter to Newberry for use as well.

Upcoming dates and events include Frog Fest and Piping Plover habitat Invasive Species Work Days.

McDonald motioned to adjourn meeting, seconded by Allan.

