

Approved: Jane Bishop

Chippewa Luce Mackinac Conservation District
Board Meeting Minutes- December 4th, 2012

Board Members Present: Tina Love, Orville Kabat, Tom Allan, Jane Bishop

Absent: Forbes McDonald

NRCS/District Staff Present: Kristina Denison, Michelle Jarvie, Todd Insley, Nick Cassel

Absent: Kent Dankenbring, Pat Carr, Patrick Blanzky

MDA Representatives: Absent

- November minutes reviewed. Motion made by Allan to accept, seconded by Bishop, carried.
- November treasurer's report reviewed. Bishop moved to accept, supported by Allan, carried.
- Insley, Denison and Lotoszinski work agreements reviewed. Bishop motioned to sign work agreements, seconded by Love. Carried.

Project Reports:

- Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS) Report – Distributed by Denison on behalf of Dankenbring. Inventory and Evaluation for engineering practice applications continued and EQIP signup deadline is January 18th.
- Michigan Agricultural Environmental Assurance Program (MAEAP) Report – Given by Jarvie. Has achieved 54 FY13 deliverables to reach 36% of grant expectation.
- Forestry Assistance Program (FAP) Report – Presented by Denison on behalf of Blanzky. Field visits and referrals increasing as landowners become aware and interested in the program.
- Cooperative Weed Management Area (CWMA) Report – Given by Cassel. Invasive species presentations at LSSU conducted as well as outreach at Turner-Howson Elementary.

Other Business:

- MACD Winter conference re-cap was given by Denison. District needs to have policies on file for new company. Love motioned to adopt Chippewa/East Mackinac Conservation District Policies dated May 10th, 2011 as Chippewa/Luce/Mackinac policies. Motion was supported by Allan. All in favor, none opposed. Carried.
- Denison reported on update in mileage rates at federal government level. No action taken to increase at District level. Denison also stated the District Vehicle is in poor condition and that the board should consider disposing of it. In meantime remove insurance.
- Luce and Mackinac counties have opted not to grant funding to the District for FY13. Mackinac County encourages the District to try again in future.
- Certificates of Deposit have been combined and renewed at one percent.
- Direct Deposit options are using Central Savings Bank Internet Banking or Intuit QuickBooks service. Love moved to use Direct Deposit using Intuit QuickBooks service. Seconded by Bishop, carried.
- The storage shed at 3 mile will be emptied out and closed by the end of the year.
- Envirothon team is requesting \$100.00 from the District to sponsor their team fees. Allan moved to support the Envirothon team at \$100.00. Seconded by Bishop. Carried.
- McDonald, Denison and Blanzky will be meeting with Rep. Frank Foster on Dec. 17th to discuss Forestry Program and urge the Representative to pass the bills supporting the program.
- There is currently a vacancy at the Regional NACD Board.
- District received award for "2012 Michigan Envirothon District of the Year" for their help in the 2012 Envirothon which took place at LSSU.

Allan moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Bishop. Meeting Adjourned.