

Approved: O. Faulrmond

Chippewa Luce Mackinac Conservation District
Board Meeting Minutes - September 3rd, 2015

Board Members Present: Forbes McDonald, Orville Kabat, Jane Bishop, Tom Allan

Absent: Tina Love

NRCS/District Staff Present: Kristina Denison

MDARD Representative: Jim Pawlowicz

The July meeting minutes were reviewed. Bishop motioned to accept, second by Kabat. Carried.

The July Treasurers Report was reviewed. Bishop motioned to accept, second by Allan. Carried.

There were no Public Comments.

Program Reports were distributed:

- Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Report
- Michigan Agricultural Environmental Assurance Program (MAEAP) Report
- Forestry Assistance Program (FAP) Report
- District Outreach and Cooperative Weed Management Area (CWMA) Report
- Conservation Technical Assistance Initiative (CTAI) Engineer Report

Other Business:

- Invasive Species Administrative Assistant hired - Danielle King -start date of Sept. 14th.
- There is a pending Truck Insurance Claim for an accident caused by Seasonal Employee Luke Terwilliger on July 24th at the Mackinac Island Ferry dock where he scraped a parked car. So far no claim made on insurance but maximum out of pocket will be \$500.00 deductible.
- A FOIA request was received at the office on August 6th, 2015 by Smart Procure. Denison worked with the requestor to process the request and it was considered completed and closed on August 17th, 2015.
- A motion was made by Allan to set the date for the 2016 Annual Dinner as Thursday, January 21st, 2016. Second by Bishop. Carried.
- MDARD Grant FY16 Awards: MAEAP (\$62,562.50), FAP (\$67,562.50), CTAI (\$132.500) through June 2016 for FY15-FY16, and HAP (\$5,000). A motion was made by Bishop, and seconded by Allan to accept and sign the grant agreements upon receipt. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Allan and seconded by Bishop to award Mark Pittenger a post-dated pro-rated raise covering the July - September Quarter in the amount of the grant award increase of \$5,000 (equivalent to a payment of \$1,250 before taxes) to be paid in a lump sum at the end of the quarter (September 30th). The motion passed.
- MACD FY2016 dues. Motion made by Bishop to renew at Gold Status Membership in the amount of \$1,000. Second by Allan. Motion carried.
- The FY2016 Budget was reviewed. A motion was made by Bishop to accept the budget with the Forestry Assistance Program Adjustment making a proposed balanced budget of \$382,100 for FY2016. The motion was seconded by Allan. Motion passed.
- Credit Card options to accept payment for Tree Sales. A motion was made by Allan to move forward on a recommendation by Denison to use Square for Credit Card Sales for future tree sales. Second by Bishop. Carried.
- The next board meeting has been set for Tuesday, September 29th, 2015 at the District office at 12:00 PM.

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