

**Minutes for the Inter-District Meeting
Of the
Alger Conservation District (ACD) & Marquette Conservation District (MCD)
Held at the Skandia Township Hall---February 8, 2006 6:00 p.m.**

An inter-district meeting of the Alger Conservation District and the Marquette Conservation District was held on the above date. The meeting was called to order by 6:00 p.m. by Carol Ward. Present from the Alger Board: Carol Ward, ACD Chairperson and Robert Gibbons, ACD Vice Chairman. Present from the Marquette Board: Rich Reader, MCD Chairman; Randy Gentz, MCD Treasurer; Bernie Huetter, MCD Vice Chairman. Staff present: Chris Burnett, ACD/MCD Forester, Renee Leow, MCD Administrator and Danita Rask, ACD Executive Director.

A motion was made by Gibbons, seconded by Reader to accept the agenda. Motion carried.

A motion to accept the Minutes of the previous IDC Meeting on September 7, 2005, as amended, was made by Gentz, seconded by Reader. Motion carried.

Burnett reviewed his MDA Deliverables Report in detail. He has added column 4 (percent ideally completed) and the next column also (percent plus or minus) to the standardized MDA report form.

Burnett reported that with regard to the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) grant, all work has been completed and even more counties for his oversight may be added next year.

Burnet reported that an Apple Tree Pruning Workshop will be held on April 1 in Marquette and Alger; a Mushroom Cultivation Workshop will be held on February 28 in Alger; Tree Sale Workshops will be held on March 9 in Alger and on March 14 in Marquette and there might be a possible Big Tree Contest in Alger this year.

Leow reviewed the financial report. The anticipated surplus from the EAB grant of \$7120 is actually \$23,823. Working from this original surplus amount of \$7120 and from previously-passed motions made by the IDC at their last meeting on September 7, 2005--a \$3560 bonus has been distributed to Burnett, \$1780 has been distributed to MCD for grant administration and \$1780 has been deposited to the MCD/ACD jointly held stewardship account in Alger County. A motion was made by Gibbons, seconded by Reader to accept this report. Motion carried.

In New Business, Burnett explained that the MCD and the ACD Boards had different ideas about the distribution of the new actual excess EAB funds of \$16,703 (\$23,823 minus \$7120 = \$16,703). After much discussion, Gentz stated

that IDC motions passed need to be taken back to the MCD Board for approval, since MCD is Burnett's (& the FAP grant's and EAB grant's) employer of record.

In Old Business, much discussion took place regarding the distribution of the new (or actual) excess EAB funds of \$16,703. Gentz stated that he will take this matter back to the MCD Board along with any IDC recommendations and that MCD will then decide how to dispense the excess funds. Gentz also stated that MCD will solely make this decision since MCD is Burnett's employer of record. Ward, Gibbons and Rask questioned why the previous decision to distribute the \$7120 between Burnett (\$3560), MCD (\$1780) and to the joint stewardship account (\$1780) was allowed to be made by the IDC at the September 7th meeting.

Discussion also took place regarding paying off Burnett's accumulated compensatory time, but no decision was reached. The IDC did not agree on any recommendations for the distribution of the excess EAB funds.

A motion to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. was made by Gibbons, seconded by Reader.

Danita L. Rask, Executive Director
Alger Conservation District

These Minutes are subject to approval.