

# MARQUETTE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
December 20, 2005 6:00 PM  
TENTATIVE MINUTES



Reader called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Persons present: Rich Reader, Renee Leow, Becky Otto, Sue Rabitaille, Randy Gentz, Sarah Cody, Hampton Waring, Kurt Simandl, Chris Burnett, Wayne Premeau and Bernie Huetter

Gentz made a motion to accept agenda, seconded by Premeau, M/C

Gentz made a motion to accept previous minutes, seconded by Premeau, M/C.

Premeau made a motion to approve the Treasurers' report, seconded by Simandl, M/C.

**Public Comment:** Gentz asked Leow to have MCCD website linked to Marquette County Website

## STAFF REPORTS:

Leow: report noted and filed

Waring: report noted and filed

Janda: report noted and filed

Rabitaille: Huetter made a motion support Rabitailles's request for \$100.00 to purchase resource materials, seconded by Simandl, M/C, otherwise, report noted and filed

Otto: report noted and filed

Burnett: report noted and filed

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

**A. Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Program:** Waring is trying to get on Marquette County Board of Commissioner's February meeting agenda. Leow reported shortfall in SESC budget presenting a budget breakdown for winter and Spring months of 2003 – 2005. Gentz asked Leow to write letter addressed to County Administrator, Steve Powers, asking for \$10,000.00 to maintain the current operating level of the program to be signed by Reader and asked Waring and Leow to meet with Powers to bring him up to date with the SESC program.

**B. NACD Dues:** Gentz made a motion to send a partial membership dues payment of \$200.00 to NACD with idea that item will be discussed again at regular May board meeting, seconded by Premeau, M/C.

**C. MACD Convention Report/Resolution outcome** (resolution outcome enclosed in packet) Gentz reported that MACD convention will be held in Sault Ste Marie, Michigan in 2006 and he would like to see all Directors attend; he encouraged staff to take advantage of any NRCS training (especially civil rights training); noted that districts need to identify training needs; reported that scholarships are available for directors to attend NACD convention in Houston; announced MDA representative, Jim Pawlowicz, now has 20 counties instead of 25; Michigan has generated nine million dollars in timber sales and MACD's outlook is to go after more monies for District forestry programs and noted change in MACD Board of Directors-Mike lawless was elected

**D. Prioritize Goals and Objectives Ranking** Sheet Leow compiled and presented results for review. After much discussion, Gentz asked to take five top items and formulate specific plan of action at next regular board meeting.

## ACTION IN PROGRESS

Watershed: Cody reminded board that staff will meet with George Madison to discuss the possibility to the Upper Michigamme watershed project as well as possibly discussing the Escanaba River. Cody also noted after meeting with NMU students, she is looking at ways to improve the monitoring program for the Lower Dead by possibly using indirect funds to pay NMU students. Cody also noted that Michigan Clean Water Corp/ w. DEQ (MiCORP) Volunteer Stream Monitor Programs do include admin. monies.

Leow called five VISA vendors and presented costs associated with each. Premeau made a motion to use VISA/MasterCard services from Vision Payment Solution for six months and re-evaluative usage at the end of six month period, seconded by Gentz, M/C.

Gentz made a motion to attend the UP Builders Show in March, splitting the entrance fee between the programs, seconded by Premeau, M/C.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. EAB Monies:** Burnett reported a successful completion of the contract. Gentz asked Leow to obtain a copy the last Inter District meeting minutes to review disbursement of EAB monies and then made a motion to table disbursement of remaining funds until we can confer with Alger County Conservation District and Michigan Department of Agriculture, seconded by Premeau. M/C.

**B Cooperator Agreement:** Leow will bring old agreements to review at next meeting

**C. Landowner Issues-**Otto reported a non compliance issue with a landowners stating that groundwater, wetlands and the public may be affected. Gentz asked Leow and Otto to draft a letter from MCCD Board of Directors, to be signed by all directors, seconded by Huetter, M/C.

**D. Staff Education-none this month**

**OTHER:** Gentz and Leow to work on top five legislative issues for MACD by January 15, 2006

**CORRESPONDENCE:** enotes from NACD, Friday Letter, Dickinson, Menominee, and Baraga County Conservation Districts Board minutes.

**APPLICATONS FOR PERMIT:** Hampton Waring: none

**Staff Adjournment: 9:00 PM for Hampton Waring Evaluation**

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