

# MARQUETTE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

## REGULAR BOARD MEETING

February 28, 2006 6:00 PM

## AMENDED TENTATIVE MINUTES



Reader called the regular meeting to order at 6:03 PM.

Persons present: Rich Reader, Renee Leow, Becky Otto, Sue Rabitaille, Randy Gentz, Sarah Janda, Hampton Waring, Kurt Simandl, and Wayne Premeau.

Public present: Jim Pawlowicz, MDA representative, Alger County Conservation District's Vice Chairman, Bob Gibbons and Executive Director, Danita Rask,

Persons Absent: Chris Burnett

Gentz made a motion to accept agenda with a change of starting with Public Comment and ending meeting with Staff Reports, seconded by Premeau, M/C

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

Gentz made a motion to approve the Treasurers' report noting breakdown additions to tree sale cost(s), seconded by Simandl, M/C.

**Public Comment:** Public discussion ended 7:22 PM

**Reader turned meeting over to Vice Chairman, Huetter, and left meeting at 7:09 PM**

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

**A. EAB Monies/FAP Program:** A March 29<sup>th</sup> joint board meeting of IDC will be held (three members from each board) to make their recommendations and a decision to be made at that time. Alger will let MCCC their recommendations. Gentz made a motion to place \$16,702.66 into the Forestry Assistance Program and be used for the program, seconded by Premeau, M/C. Leow asked to research interest and/or cd rates.

**B. Cooperator Agreement-**item tabled until next month when Burnett will be present

**C. Personnel:** Compensatory Policy-after presentation of policy and after much discussion item was tabled until next month. Leow and Gentz to complete more research and present new policy at next regular board meeting. Pawlowicz suggested calling Steve Jenkins, Atty on retainer for MACD, for more information.

### STAFF REPORTS:

Leow: asked for director participation at the UP Builder's Show next weekend, otherwise report filed.

Waring: Noted only 20 persons were register for SESC workshop and will cancel if less than 20 are registered, and noted no additions to report

Janda: passed out job description for summer intern to be hired using indirect monies. Gentz made a motion to advertise and hire intern to fulfill job requirements, seconded by Simandl, M/C. Huetter requested Leow to research mileage reimbursement possibilities for grant to be reported at next meeting.

Rabitaille: Updated tree sale totals, noted increase in transportation costs to WAM conference.

Otto: Noted three WHIP projects and one EQIP projects were funded bringing in nearly \$800.00 in tree sales. Also reported that a toolkit training may be held in UP in May.

Burnett: report noted and filed

Pawlowicz: Noted New Directors and Staff Training on March 30<sup>th</sup>; handed out Social Security Policy for Conservation Districts; announced he will be back in UP next Wednesday to meet with Leow and Burnett and stated he felt it was a good idea for Alger and Marquette County Conservation Districts to work together.

### ACTION IN PROGRESS

Leow reviewed the top five rated items and suggested board member and staff be assigned to small group committees and bring committees to entire board for discussion to alleviate lengthy monthly meetings.

Gentz suggested discussing one or possibly two items at the beginning of each board meeting with the entire

board while everyone is still “fresh with ideas.’ Board will begin this process at the regular March meeting starting with stable county funding and new grant opportunities.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Legislative Day Report:** Gentz reported he met with Adamini and Prusi at the Legislative breakfast involving many different agencies. He noted the following:

- Christy Roman was named as interim executive director for MACD
- DEQ permits/public notices are on the web.
- Noted that Director Certification training will get lower liability rates for Conservation districts.
- Lobbyist Bill Bobier will push for district funding to return to \$20,000.00 annually.
- Gentz made a motion to support Burnett as representative (along with Rory Mattsson from Delta County) to serve on committee made up of Michigan conservation districts foresters to meet quarterly in Northern Lower Michigan, seconded by Simandl, M/C.

**B Staff Education:** MDA financial reporting- item tabled until next month

**OTHER:** Premeau noted Marquette County policy is able purchase computers and software for county programs and allow payment of over five year period. Premeau will call Leow with contact information.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** enotes from NACD, Friday Letter, Dickinson, Menominee, and Baraga County Conservation Districts Board minutes, tree sale order forms from Dickinson, Menominee and Baraga Counties, Marquette Plat Book advertising (no action will be taken on this advertising opportunity), MACD director training notice and NACD dues receipt..

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

**Adjournment: 8:34 PM**

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