

MARQUETTE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

January 24, 2006 6:00 PM

TENTATIVE MINUTES



Reader called the regular meeting to order at 6:05 PM.

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

Persons Absent: none

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

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

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

Public Comment: none

STAFF REPORTS:

Leow: report noted and filed

Waring: report noted he received a FOIA request for Savola site on US 41 and SESC workshop will be held on March 16th to include a pond building workshop.

Janda: reported that she and Leow are developing a job description to hire a student intern using indirect funds from her grant to assist her in Lower Dead Watershed projects and to lay groundwork for future watershed opportunities this summer.

Rabitaille: report noted and filed

Otto: reported that after speaking with Bill DeVooght about waste management issues, she and Brian Hill (NRCS Engineer) will visit DeVooght site to put together a Compliance Plan.

Burnett: reported many workshops in the works, (i.e. mushroom, apple tree) and handed out an article, including photos, entitled "A Day in the Life of a Forester."

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. EAB Monies: After much discussion, Gentz asked item to be tabled until after the Alger County Conservation District board meeting. Burnett was asked to make recommendations at the next regular IDC meeting now scheduled for the 29th of March. Huetter made a motion to wait for the recommendations from the IDC and Forester before deciding how monies will be dispersed, seconded by Gentz, M/C.

B. Cooperator Agreement (see attached) Burnett presented a revised cooperator agreement. Huetter made a motion to approve new version of cooperator agreement providing the board approve landowner before sign is placed, seconded by Gentz, M/C. Huetter also asked Burnett and Leow to write a procedure for such sign placement to be discussed at the next board meeting.

C. Goals and Objectives Ranking Sheet: Leow reviewed directive progress. Gentz asked to have a special meeting to govern over ranking sheet. Waring reported the DNR land sale, however, none in Marquette County at this time and recommended the district be prepared to purchase the land if and DNR land becomes available in Marquette County. Item tabled for a future meeting

D. Comp. Time. As the district has no formal comp policy, Gentz and Leow will create a comp. policy and will present their findings and recommendations at the next board meeting.

E. Short Term Disability: Gentz presented a short term disability policy offered via the MACDE through Fisher Insurance. After some discussion no action was taken as the policy would not fill our needs.

ACTION IN PROGRESS UPDATE

Leow reported VISA/MasterCard machine will be in place for district use on Friday

Leow reported the resource survey will be delivered to townships within Marquette County for distribution.

Leow reported that Marquette County has committed to paying \$10,000.00 to the Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Program (\$5,000 for 2005 and \$5,000 for the 2006 operation years.)

Otto reported the soil survey disk arrival is still unknown.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. MACDE Dues: board agreed to pay MACDE dues for Leow, Janda, Burnett and Rabitaille totaling \$80.00

B IRS mileage reimbursement: Gentz made a motion to amend personnel policy to read: *Approved travel that requires the utilization of the personal vehicle will be reimbursed at current IRS Standard Mileage Rate or the mileage reimbursement rate specified by an individual employee's grant agreement.*, Seconded by Huetter

C. WAM Conference: Gentz made motion to send Rabitaille to WAM conference in Lansing, seconded by Simandl.

D. Staff Education: Rabitaille gave a presentation for the Native Plants Program and handed out the first Tree Sale Catalog.

E. Legislative Day Breakfast: Gentz will attend and Huetter will decide by the 10th of February so Leow can make arrangements.

OTHER:

CORRESPONDENCE: enotes from NACD, Friday Letter, Dickinson, Menominee, and Baraga County Conservation Districts Board minutes, new UP Groundwater Stewardship brochure, Leow noted passing of Mecosta Administrator Betty Nelson, State council minutes and poster contest is coming up.

APPLICATONS FOR PERMIT: Hampton Waring: none

Adjournment: Huetter made a motion to adjourn meeting at 8:25 PM, Seconded by Gentz.

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