

# MARQUETTE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

## REGULAR BOARD MEETING

May 23, 2006 6:00 PM

## TENTATIVE MINUTES



Reader called the regular meeting to order at 6:08 PM.

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

Persons Absent: Kurt Simandl, Becky Otto

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.

Huetter made a motion to approve the Treasurers' report and to pay the bills presented, seconded by Gentz, M/C.

**Public Comment:** none

### ACTION IN PROGRESS

A. Increased communication/better relationships with legislators: Group brainstormed/discussed ways to increase communications with legislators as follows:

- Providing new letters to legislators
- Providing minutes to legislators
- Invite to meetings
- Take legislators on site tours of projects, both completed and future projects (Leow to contract Marq Tran about a bus) Summer 2006
- Attend county commission and township meetings
- Change our meeting date to allow county commissioner(s) to attend our meetings

Gentz asked staff and directors to look at the district as a whole rather than as individual programs.

### STAFF REPORTS:

**Leow:** asked for support to apply for four year Americorp personnel; otherwise, report noted and filed

**Waring:** noted getting ready for DEQ audit next week; receipt of large permit fee from UPPCO; met with DEQ, DNR, Kennecott and Marquette Road Commission; and per Dick Mikula: any road work in right of ways will fall under Part 91 not by the APA; otherwise, report noted and filed

**Janda:** attended NRCS toolkit training; stated engineering plans from North Country Engineering are complete and project plans have been submitted to DEQ for review; otherwise, report noted and filed

**Rabitaille:** gave update for Tree Sale; spoke of recent Trestle Park planting and plans a blueberry plant rescue this week; otherwise, report noted and filed.

**Otto:** report noted and filed

**Burnett:** passed around sugar bush article featuring Reader and himself in *God's Country* magazine; attended SAF conference in Sault Ste Marie; Yoop Em and Woop Em, otherwise, report noted and filed

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Forestry Assistance Program

- Emerald Ash Borer Grant Amendment: 2006 EAB grant total of \$82,000 for four counties. Gentz asked staff to document all time spent on EAB grant work.
- Role of the IDC: draft #2: Burnett presented draft #2 for IDC. After much discussion, Huetter made a motion that the IDC consist of a quorum from each district (Marquette and Alger), a DNR Representative and District Forester. Each Director in attendance will have one vote. In case of a tie; the DNR representative will have one vote; if the DNR representative is absent, the FAP forester will vote, seconded by Gentz, M/C.

### NEW BUSINESS:

A. SESC Program

- **DEQ Audit:** Leow reminded that the DEQ audit will be performed on May 30 – June 1, 2006.
- **Program History/Budget:** Leow presented a history of income and expenses for SESC program. SESC program got a large financial boost from recent UPPCO permit. Gentz recommended a change in the residential permit fee structure to a two tier structure or fee structure based on the level of erosion (i.e. major and minor project.)

B. Summer Hours: Leow will work on Thursdays starting June 15<sup>th</sup> for summer months.

Gentz excused himself from meeting at 8:30 PM

C. June/July/August Board Meetings: Leow noted tentative summer meeting dates:

June 15, 2006 IDC meeting, Skandia Township Hall 6 PM

June 19, 2006 MCCD regular board meeting 6PM - to discuss Plan of Work

July 25, 2006 MCCD regular board meeting 6 PM – to discuss Annual Budget

July 27, 2007 Site visits with County Commissioners and Legislators

August 22, 2006 Special board meeting

**STAFF EDUCATION: Holly Wendrick** Central UP Groundwater gave overview of her program and reminded of her team meeting on June 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am in Gladstone.

**OTHER:**

**CORRESPONDENCE:** enotes from NACD, Friday Letter, Dickinson, Menominee, and Baraga County Conservation Districts Board minutes, UP Builder's Show, and Farmland Preservation Program (PA 116) information was handed out by Jim Pawlowicz.

**APPLICATONS FOR PERMIT:** Hampton Waring: noted Pete O'Dovero is constructing a large bridge across the Carp River near Marquette Mountain.

**Adjournment: at 8:55 PM Huetter made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Premeau, M/C.**

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