

MARQUETTE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

May 2, 2006 6:00 PM

TENTATIVE MINUTES



Reader called the regular meeting to order at 6:06 PM.

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

Persons Absent: Chris Burnett

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

Huetter made a motion to accept previous minutes from February meeting as amended, seconded by Gentz, M/C.

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

Gentz made a motion to approve the Treasurers' report and pay bills as presented, seconded by Huetter, M/C. Gentz asked to discuss SESC financial concerns at next regular meeting and asked Leow to provide historical financial information.

Public Comment: Leow invited directors to meet and greet the public at the tree sale pick up.

ACTION IN PROGRESS UPDATE (Remember 15 minutes)

A. New grant opportunities Leow reported that MCCC received UPRC&D contractor position for one year. Contractor, Donna Peppin, will be interviewed for position. Leow also noted that MCCC will receive \$1,200.00 to organize and host a Forestry Fragmentation meeting in Marquette per Marilyn Shy, UPRC&D Coordinator.

B. New watershed projects Leow noted staff met with George Madison of DNR. Cody reported the hiring of Matthew Bolt, watershed intern to assist with Lower Dead activities and will look into other watershed grants. Group discussed other watersheds to pursue as well as carbon sequestration and bio diesel grants.

C. Increased communication/better relationships with legislators-item tabled

STAFF REPORTS:

Leow: Gentz made motion to send Leow, Burnett and Janda to MACDE conference in June, seconded by Simandl, M/C, otherwise report noted and filed.

Waring: reported 10 more permits written, enjoyed Road Stream Crossing workshop, MIDEQ audit is scheduled for May 30 – June 1st; and will be out for shoulder surgery on June 5th, otherwise report noted and filed

Janda: report noted and filed

Rabitaille: handed out report and noted record tree sale and reported the request for additional tree stock by CCI, otherwise report and filed

Otto: gave status of DeVooght contract; noted presentation made at NMU for math and science careers for girls; Reader asked about Chris Duffy and Otto reported that he cannot do a cost share program but she can assist with engineering; otherwise report noted and filed

Burnett: report noted and filed

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Role of the IDC: draft: Leow reported that Alger County Conservation District reviewed and accepted the draft copy of IDC agreement. After much discussion regarding draft copy, Gentz made a motion to take no action at this time. A roll call vote was then taken; Huetter said nay, Premeau said aye, Simandl said aye, Gentz said aye, M/C.

B. Stable County Funding: Leow, Otto and Gentz will attend county commission meeting on Tuesday, May 9th.

C. Tree Sale Update: Rabitaille gave tree sale update during staff report

D. Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Grant:

- Gentz made a motion to accept draft contract with MDA for 2006 EAB contract contingent upon Alger's acceptance, seconded by Huetter, M/C
- Gentz made a motion to pay \$500.00 upfront to contractors for gas expense contingent upon Alger's acceptance, seconded by Premeau, M/C
- IDC meeting set for May 18th at 6:00 PM, Reader and Huetter to attend.
- Gentz made a motion to pay Burnett \$25.00/hr (or additional \$7.00/hr) when working on EAB grant, and split administrative fees equally less actual administrative/recording costs between Alger and Marquette Conservation Districts contingent upon Alger's acceptance, seconded by Huetter, M/C.

NEW BUSINESS:

A Green House Opportunity-item tabled

B. Mileage Reimbursement; Gentz made motion to raise mileage reimbursement rate for Lower Dead Watershed grant to IRS rate of \$0.445/mile, seconded by Huetter, M/C. Monies to come from grant funds.

C. Staff Education: Sarah Janda gave power point presentation for Lower Dead Summer Installation Projects

OTHER:

CORRESPONDENCE: enotes from NACD, Friday Letter, Dickinson, Menominee, and Baraga County Conservation Districts Board minutes, Sierra Club letter looking for support.

APPLICATONS FOR PERMIT: Hampton Waring: none

Adjournment: Gentz made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Heutter, M/C 9:20 PM

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