

**MINUTES: Cheboygan Conservation District
Board Meeting of July 24, 2019
Burt Township Hall, 7029 W. Birchwood Road, Cheboygan, Michigan 49721**

Directors: Carl Reimann, Chairman; Leroy L. Ormsbee, Secretary-Treasurer; Steve Fitzner, Member and Greg Drogowski, Member. **Absent:** Greg Whittaker, Vice Chairman.

Staff: Peggy Bannatyne, District Manager.

Chairman Reimann called the meeting to order at 7:44 p.m.

Additions to Agenda: 1. Request from Presque Isle District Manager Re: Fall Tree Sale. Added under new business.

May 22, 2019 Meeting Minutes: Motion by Ormsbee, seconded by Whittaker to approve minutes. Motion carried.

Financial Statements & Accounts Payable: Motion by Fitzner seconded by Reimann to approve financial statements. Motion carried. **Motion** by Fitzner, seconded by Ormsbee to approve presented prepaid bills (2). Motion carried. Copies of bills on file.

Old Business:

1. Hunting Access Program Update – Just received email that Hunting Access Program has one year grant extension. HAP agreements can be renewed for 1 year (end dates will be May 31, 2020) and enrollment is now open.
2. 2019 Director Workshops – MACD has yet to select a location (Grayling/Gaylord) for the September workshops. Peggy gave Drogowski workshop information and will pass on location information when she receives it. District will pay for cost of workshop if he chooses to attend.

New Business:

1. Work on Annual Plan of Work – Discussion was held on annual plan of work for 2020. Board members were asked to pass on to Peggy prior to the September 25th board meetings items they would like added. Annual Plan of work will be adopted at the September meeting.
2. County Appropriation for 2020 — Peggy passed out County Appropriation Request for 2020 for the district. Included cover letter, justification letter, budget & financial statements. County Commissioners approve county budget around November. Motion by Fitzner, seconded by Drogowski to approve the appropriation request as presented. Motion carried.
3. District Appropriation Act for 2020 – Copies passed out to board members for their review. Notice will be put in newspaper for public review of district budget six days prior to September board meeting, with board voting on appropriation at the meeting.
4. Partnering Invite – Emma Nehan, On the Water Coordinator with MUCC – District received email requesting partnering with MUCC's OTW program for an event in the near future. Board members thought this was a great idea. Peggy will make contact with Emma.
5. Addition to Agenda – Email from Valerie District Manager at Presque Isle CD re: promoting Presque's fall tree sale on our website, distributing tree sale order forms, possibly using our mail list, etc... Board members feel that if our district promotes Presque's tree sale we could potentially lose spring tree sale customers. There would be no issue if the districts were combining a tree sale. Peggy will contact Valerie with the board's decision.
6. Little Black River Watershed – Ormsbee mentioned City was trying to budget Little Black River Watershed (area on Lincoln Avenue that runs all the way through to LeDuc's Motel on Mackinaw Avenue) maintenance into their budget. The City in the past has had an agreement to maintain it (keeping brush and other debris cleaned out). Discussion followed.

Upcoming Meetings/Events

1. District Board Meeting – Wednesday, September 25, 2019 at 7:30 p.m., Burt Township Hall. Ormsbee might be out of town on that date.

Staff/Other Reports:

1. MEAP Water Stewardship Technician Chris Anderson – (not present). A hard copy of Chris's May & June reports was reviewed by the board.
2. District Forester Brittany VanderWall – Not present (received hard copy of report for Presque Isle CD). Reimann asked if numbers where for the year and included both Cheboygan and Presque Isle. Peggy mentioned she was not sure, but most likely, except for media numbers which are Presque Isle.


Motion by Ormsbee, seconded by Drogowski to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Next meeting: Wednesday, September 25, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. at the Burt Township Hall.

Submitted by:

Approved by:


Peggy Bannatyne, District Manager


Carl Reimann, Chairman

9-25-19
Date