

**MINUTES: Cheboygan Conservation District
Board Meeting of May 22, 2019
Burt Township Hall, 7029 W. Birchwood Road, Cheboygan, Michigan 49721**

Directors: Carl Reimann, Chairman; Gregory Whittaker, Vice Chairman and Leroy L. Ormsbee, Secretary-Treasurer.

Absent: Steven Fitzner, Member.

Staff: Peggy Bannatyne, District Manager.

Chairman Reimann called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

Additions to Agenda: None.

Appointment of Board Member: Chairman Reimann appointed Greg Drogowski to fill vacancy on board. Motion by Whittaker, seconded by Ormsbee to accept the appointment of Greg Drogowski to fill vacancy on board until district election in March 2020. Motion carried. Drogowski had a prior commitment, he plans to be at July board meeting.

February 27, 2019 Meeting Minutes: Motion by Ormsbee, seconded by Whittaker to approve minutes. Motion carried.

Financial Statements & Accounts Payable: Motion by Whittaker seconded by Reimann to approve financial statements. Motion carried. Motion by Whittaker, seconded by Reimann to approve presented prepaid bills (12). Motion carried. Copies of bills on file.

Old Business:

1. Spring 2019 Tree Sale Report & Thank You Letter from Sturgeon for Tomorrow – Peggy reported that sales in amounts of seedlings and revenue was down from last year. Copy of tree report is on file in the office. District donated a total of 425 seedlings for a Boy Scout Camporee (150 scouts) May 17-19 facilitated by Sturgeon for Tomorrow. Seedlings will be planted along the Upper Black River as part of a streambank erosion project to protect lake sturgeon spawning habitat. Peggy read a letter from Sturgeon for Tomorrow President Brenda Archambo thanking the district for donation and support and the districts leadership in protecting and preserving the character and water quality of the Cheboygan River Watershed.

2. Hunting Access Program Update – In email from Monique Ferris in April, DNR does not evaluate budgets until May/June. Monique will not know until June if HAP will be enrolling new properties for the upcoming hunting season. Also, if districts have lease agreement expiring May 31, 2019, you cannot renew until hearing from her. One possible new HAP property for elk only – Peter Sermo is interested and has been put on contact list.

New Business:

1. 2019 Director Workshops – Peggy passed out copies of new director's workshop (day and night sessions offered) to be held in September in Gaylord or Grayling. Workshop is also a refresher course for current board members. Peggy passed out information. Peggy will also send out information to Greg Drogowski.

2. State Withholding & Sales Tax — Peggy reported that the districts state quarterly withholding and sales tax reporting and payment has been changed to yearly. Peggy called the treasury office and was told that if the district would like to continue to pay quarterly they could. Board agreed to continue to pay state taxes quarterly.

3. Annual Plan of Work & Budgets (District Appropriation Act & County Appropriation) – Begin work and drafts at July meeting. Peggy asked board members to bring any items, ideas, possible workshops, etc... they would like to include in annual plan of work for 2020 to the July meeting.

Upcoming Meetings/Events

1. District Board Meeting – Wednesday, July 24 at 7:30 p.m., Burt Township Hall.

Staff/Other Reports:

1. MEAP Water Stewardship Technician Chris Anderson – (not present). A hard copy of Chris's report was reviewed by the board.

2. District Forester Brittany VanderWall – Not present (no hard copy report received).

Motion by Whittaker, seconded by Ormsbee to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Next meeting: To be held on Wednesday, July 24, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. at the Burt Township Hall located at 7029 W. Birchwood Road in Cheboygan.

Submitted by:

Approved by:


Peggy Bannatyne, District Manager

 7-24-19
Carl Reimann, Chairman Date