

**EMMET CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MINUTES
Regular Meeting
May 4, 2010**

The Board Meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. at 3434 M-119, Harbor Springs.

Present: Russell LaBeau, John Casto, and Marcus Kurburski

Absent: Jane Rye, Jane Mooradian, and Steve Migda

Also present: Nancy Salar, Cydney Steeb, Bill Borgeld, Dirk Shorter

The minutes for April were presented:

MOTION: Marcus Kurburski **SECOND:** John Casto

To approve the April meeting minutes.

Motion Passed.

OFFICERS REPORTS

None

The April Treasurer's report was presented

MOTION: John Casto **SECOND:** Marcus Kurburski

To approve financial report as submitted

Payment of Bills

MOTION: John Casto **SECOND:** Marcus Kurburski

To approve payment of bills as submitted.

Motion Passed.

DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST- see report

PROGRAM COORDINATOR

Cydney is coordinating with the three schools to arrange a day and times to plant the trees for Arbor Day. Tentatively the trees will be planted on May 6th. Marc C's Trees will be providing the trees and preparing the area for the trees to be planted.

CORRESPONDENCE

An invitation was received from Tip of the Mitt to "Understanding the Depths of Deep Injection Wells". Also a thank you letter was received from MSU Extension for the 4-H scholarship we provided.

OLD BUSINESS

Dirt the Movie will be shown this month to raise money for the Victory Garden. We may wish to still show the movie as a fund raiser, but at later date. Dirk suggested showing the movie farther north possibly the Pellston area to attract people that may not drive to Petoskey to see the movie. Russ suggested partnering with the organization Friends of the Library to show the movie. Russ also suggested showing the movie in at the Mackinaw Community Center. The Mackinaw theatre was suggested by Dirk as another possible place to show the movie. After discussion it was decided August or September would be good months to show the movie. Russ agreed to contact the Friends of the Library to see if a partnership for showing the movie in Petoskey was possible. Cydney will contact the Mackinaw Chamber of Commerce to check on locations in Mackinaw where the movie could be shown. Nancy will contact Mackinaw Crossing to see if the movie can be shown in the theatre. Camp Petosega may be an additional place to show the movie. Nancy will contact the parks dept. manager to see if possible.

The District spring tree sale was very successful. After expenses the District made almost \$6,000 in profit. Providing apple trees as part of the selection really boosted sales. Thanks to Cydney for the great idea. The tree sale wouldn't have been possible without the help of our volunteers. A thank you note will be sent out to the Master Gardener volunteers as soon as we have addresses and a complete list of who helped. Pat and Dee our repeat volunteers mostly handle the tree

sale for us the week of the sale. They pick up the trees and are in charge of all the other volunteers for packaging. They both put in many hours of volunteer time for the District. Last year they were given a golf pass as a thank you. It was decided to provide the same again this year. Dirk volunteered to contact Boyne Highlands to see if they would be willing to provide a free golf pass. Russ suggested a letter to the editor be sent thanking all the volunteers for their assistance. Cydney will write the letter.

There was some discussion of the resource assessment questions and how they should be presented. The list of partners was looked at and the following names were added to the list; NRCS, Conservation Resource Alliance, Rough Grouse, Wild Turkey Federation, Ducks Unlimited, Trout Unlimited, and Whitetails Unlimited.

NEW BUSINESS

Nancy presented to the board that if they wished to continue to receive mileage for attending meetings they would each need to complete a 940 tax form and to claim the money as income on their annual taxes. The board discussed due to the limited income to the District eliminating mileage for attending meetings. No decision was reached at the meeting. It was decided to wait until the June meeting to make a decision so that all board members could have input on the decision.

June 12th is the Garden Expo. The District has reserved booth space for the event. We need people to help set up the booth and staff it between 8:30am-3:00pm. John volunteered for 8:30-noon, Russ volunteered for noon-3pm, and Marcus will help 9:00am to?

To add Dirk Shorter as an Associate Director to the board

MOTION: John Casto **SECOND:** Marcus Kurburski

Motion passed. Dirk was sworn in as our new Associate Director

A directors handbook will be provided to Dirk at the June meeting.

A thank you note along with a \$25 gift certificate from Young's Bait Shop will be sent to Tim VanKalker for his assistance with the no till drill.

Planning for the annual meeting was started. October 28, 2010 was set as the date, with the fairgrounds community center for the location. Speaker topic suggestions were Timber Wolf, chestnut blight, or mushroom presentation.

The next regular scheduled meeting will be June 1, 2010, at 3434 M-119, Harbor springs, in the lower level conference room, at 9:00 a.m.

No further business:

Meeting adjourned 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by; Nancy Salar, administrator

Date approved J. Mooradian
6/2/10, Secretary