

CLARE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Clare County Courthouse Meeting Room B
Board Meeting Minutes
June 10, 2009

CD Directors Present: Larry Gross, Roberta Schunk, Kurt Krug, Scott Taylor

CD Directors Absent: Sandy Duggan

Others Present: Kristina Sigafoose

Board Meeting called to order at 6:32 p.m. by Chairman Larry Gross.

Additions/Deletions to Agenda:

Motion made by SCHUNK to approve agenda.

Seconded by KRUG

YEAS: Gross, Schunk, Krug, Taylor

NAYS: None. **ABSENT:** Duggan

- Agenda Approved.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion made by SCHUNK to approve May 13, 2009 Meeting Minutes.

Seconded by TAYLOR

YEAS: Gross, Schunk, Krug, Taylor

NAYS: None. **ABSENT:** Duggan

- May Meeting Minutes Approved.

Approval of Financial Statements:

Motion made by SCHUNK to approve Financial Information.

Seconded by TAYLOR.

YEAS: Gross, Schunk, Krug, Taylor

NAYS: None. **ABSENT:** Duggan

- May Financial Reports and paid bills Approved.

TECHNICIAN AND DEPARTMENT REPORTS

NRCS, Jim Iaquina: Not present, no report.

Groundwater Stewardship Program Technician, Kurt Krug: Verbal Report – update. He has made 2 trips to Osceola County to have reports printed. Tom Samuels printed the paid claims through 9/30/09. There was a lot of discussion about the partnership with Osceola-Lake being canceled. Isabella County will be taking over the GW program.

Soil Erosion, Stephen Conroy: Permits are holding steady. The Board of Commissioners approved the new fee scheduled with an effective date of 10/1/09.

Forester, Gary Bucklin: Not present, no report.

Administrator, Kristina Sigafoose: Discussed that the rain barrel workshop went well, also handled an information session at the farmer's market in Harrison. Working on summer employment program with Michigan Works. Planning on writing for at least one grant. Working on upcoming Native Plant Sale.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

OLD BUSINESS

- * **Water Barrel Workshop** – Provided final account of Rain Barrel workshop and that we only have 2 remaining barrels.
- * **Tree Planter for Sale** – Kristina followed up with Whitfield. They are requesting more recent pictures to help determine the value. Kristina requested that Bobbie get some additional photographs.
- * **Cuts by Granholm** – Kristina provided print outs of the emails that were previously forwarded to board members. Specifically discussed the \$160,000 cut to operations grant. Final word is that we will receive \$9,579 total for FY 09.
- * **Building passes** – There has been a change made by Tracy in Administration stating that they would like to hold off getting passes. She did not have all of the meetings on the calendar and they are now on the calendar. The doors should be open for us know. We will see what happens.
- * **Native Plant Sales** – Kristina gave the board an update and reminded them that the sale would be Friday June 19, 2009. Sales were not as high as hopes but we are making a small profit at this point.
- * **MEC Crews** - We will not be receive crews but we were approved for one person to work with us through Michigan Works. Kristina attended orientation and SJ and Kristina handled the interviewing.

NEW BUSINESS

- * **New Hire** – We were fortunate to hire our first pick from interviews. Nicholas Bodnar will start working on June 15, 2009.
- * **Summer Conference** – Due to the cost and the distance away, Kristina had chosen not to attend the summer conference. Unfortunately, the conference was canceled due to lack of participants.
- * **Grant Application** – Kristina provided information on a couple of grants that she is looking into applying for. The board was given the information to review.
- * ****DATE CHANGE**** Kristina noticed while looking at the calendar during this meeting, that she will be out of town for the August Meeting.

Motion made by SCHUNK to move the August meeting to the 3rd Wednesday (8/19/09).

Seconded by TAYLOR

YEAS: Gross, Schunk, Krug, Taylor

NAYS: None. ABSENT: Duggan

- Motion made to move the August to new date approved.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT:

Motion to adjourn:

Motion made by SCHUNK.

YEAS: Gross, Schunk, Taylor, Krug


Motion Seconded by KRUG.

NAYS: None. ABSENT: Duggan

- Motion to adjourn Approved.

Meeting Adjourned at approximately 7:32 p.m. Next regular meeting will be held on July 8, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.

Date: 8-19-09


Kurt Krug, Secretary