

CLARE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Clare County Courthouse Meeting Room B
Board Meeting Minutes
October 14, 2009

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

CD Directors Absent: Roberta Schunk, Sandy Duggan

Others Present: Kristina Sigafoose, Stephen Conroy, Nicholas Bodnar, Genie Hopkins

Board Meeting called to order at 6:36p.m. by Chairman Larry Gross.

Additions/Deletions to Agenda:

Motion made by TAYLOR to approve the agenda.

Seconded by KRUG

YEAS: Gross, Krug, Taylor

NAYS: None. **ABSENT:** Duggan, Schunk

- Agenda Approved.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion made by TAYLOR to approve the September Meeting Minutes.

Seconded by KRUG

YEAS: Gross, Krug, Taylor

NAYS: None. **ABSENT:** Duggan, Schunk

- September Meeting Minutes Approved.

Approval of Financial Statements:

Motion made by KRUG to approve Financial Information without Balance Sheet.

Seconded by TAYLOR.

YEAS: Gross, Krug, Taylor

NAYS: None. **ABSENT:** Duggan, Schunk

- September Financial Reports except Balance Sheet and paid bills Approved.

TECHNICIAN AND DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Groundwater Stewardship Program : Not currently a technician for this program. Waiting for final answer from Isabella Conservation about who is going to handle this.

NRCS, Jim Iaquina: Not present. Please see report. – EQIP processed payments, met with Cornwell Ranch. WHIP – One new application, and processed payments. CREP – completed eligibility checks.

Soil Erosion, Stephen Conroy: Not required permits were increased over last year. September was up for required permits but overall down about 30% for the YTD. Price increases went into effect on 10/1/09.

Forester, Gary Bucklin: Not present, short report. He has met with three property owners recently. One for QFA, one for EQIP/WHIP and the last person regarding planting in the spring.

Administrator, Kristina Sigafoose: Discussed all of the budget information that has been coming into the office. Updated the board about information received from MACD and discussed the meeting that she had with Scott Zeeb regarding the changes in personnel at MDA.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

OLD BUSINES

- * **Youth Summer Employment** – Still going well, program has again been extended until October 30, 2009. We have one youth, Nicholas Bodnar still working with us.
- * **County Budget Updates** - Have not received any further information about what funding we will receive. We will receive our contract amount for soil erosion. Bill Newkirk recommended that we receive our \$3,000 allocation and we were advised off the record that we would receive the \$3,000.
- * **Fall Bulb Sale** – Kristina provided a spreadsheet showing what was ordered and sold and our overall profit. The board felt it was worth the effort. The profit was over \$700. The fall sale went real smooth. Very few items left over and that was mostly due to nursery providing extras.
- * **Fall Newsletter** – The time is upon us and Kristina again requested articles from board members. She would like to get this completed before the summer program ends so that she will have assistance with getting the newsletter out.
- * **Muskegon Rive Grants** – Provided copies of the award letters and grant agreements to all board members. Working on revising the budget for the Erosion grant pursuant to the Foundation's request.

