

Eastern Upper Peninsula Citizen Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
November 10, 2008 6:30 p.m.
LMAS District Health Department, Newberry, MI

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman Pershinske

Council Members present: Duke, Hickman, Livermore, Pershinski, Owen, Rutledge, Moll, Schweitzer, Rodock, DeVillez, Colegrove, Denboer, Dufour

Council Members absent: Lawless, Scheuneman, Walker, Borst

Motioned by Rodock and supported by Colegrove to approve the minutes from the September 18, 2008 meeting. All ayes, motion carried.

No public comment.

MDNR staff present for discussion of current issues and meetings for their various departments.

The other half of the CAC membership provided their brief synopsis of why they were appointed to the Council.

Discussion of the draft of the bylaws. Some minor changes and wording were noted. A final version will be provided at the January meeting for approval.

CAC member William Borst has resigned from his position and thus leaving the CAC with 16 members. Tom Courchaine will be accepting applications to fill the 4 vacancies. It is with regret that we accept Borst's resignation.

The CAC email was set up as requested by Secretary Owen. The email account is for the general public to send email; it is EUPCAC@yahoo.com This will be posted on the State website.

Discussion on the drainage of several small ponds in the tri-county area. Council requested a synopsis from MDNR Fisheries Steve Scott regarding the pond drainage issue.

Discussion on the Chronic Wasting Disease issue and what the plan is if it's found within 50 miles of the Upper Peninsula.

Next meeting is scheduled for January 12, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. in the LMAS District Health Department in Newberry.

Councilwoman Denboer provided written public comment from a citizen regarding Muskallonge Lake in northern Luce County. Issues noted were access due to low water, weeds, and a “feeder creek”. Steve Scott provided some background on the issue.

Motion to adjourn at 8:25 p.m. by Colgrove, seconded by Dufour. All ayes, motion carried.