The Dickinson Conservation District would like to introduce you to their new employees!

In February of 2019 DCD hired a new FAP forester, Lawrence Sobson, who serves both Dickinson and Menominee counties. Lawrence graduated from Michigan State University and has experience in habitat research, urban forestry, and consulting. Lawrence is available for on-site visits to assist and educate about potential for timber income, wildlife habitat, management considerations and more. Please contact Lawrence with any questions or concerns at (906) 774-1550 ext. 100, or by email at dmFAPforester@gmail.com.

In September of 2019, the DCD appointed Amber Butterfield as the new District Manager. Amber has been a district employee since 2017, working as a Project Manager for Wild Rivers Invasive Species Coalition. Amber graduated from Bay De Noc Community College with an Associates Degree in Arts and a Certificate in Sustainability. Amber is passionate about recycling, natural resources, sustainable living, and most of all, Dickinson County. Please contact Amber with any questions at (906) 774-1550 ext. 101, or by email at dickinsoncd@macd.org.
OUR STAFF
AMBER BUTTERFIELD, DISTRICT MANAGER
LAWRENCE SOBSON, FORESTER
LINDSAY PETERSON, WRISC COORDINATOR
KYLE HAFEMAN, WRISC PROJECT MANAGER
KATHERINE MENTEL, WRISC PROJECT MANAGER
ANN HRUSKA, SPECIAL PROJECTS APPLICATOR
ROBERT MARTONEN, PESTICIDE APPLICATOR
TOM BERNDT, NRCS
MICHAEL PALING, AMERICAN BIRD CONSERVANCY

OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS
BILL RICE, CHAIRMAN
SUE POPE, TREASURER
SARAH BLANZY, DIRECTOR

OUR CONSERVATION ACTIVITIES IN 2019:

Forestry:
DCD hired a new forester, Lawrence Sobson, in February of 2019. Lawrence was able to conduct 66 site visits, covering 4,057 acres. He also assisted with both NRCS Conservation Programs and the Michigan Qualified Forest Program (QFP), which resulted in 1,738 acres of land being enrolled in NRCS conservation activities and 2,151 acres in QFP. Lawrence also regularly attended the Iron Mountain Tree Board meetings, as well as held 21 outreach events with attendance totaling 432 people. If you would like to receive help through our Forestry Assisted Program (FAP) please contact Lawrence Sobson.

Invasive Species:
DCD remained the fiscal agent for the Wild Rivers Invasive Species Coalition (WRISC) and managed over $300,000 in grant funds. WRISC continues to grow in capacity, with three full-time employees and three seasonal employees for 2019. WRISC hired on Katherine Mentel as a new project manager in November of 2019. The strike team treated 320 acres and recorded 1,326 new infestations through their survey efforts in 2019.

For more information regarding invasive species please contact our WRISC coordinator, Lindsay Peterson at (906) 774-1550 x 102, or by email at wildriverscwma@gmail.com

Locally Led Conservation:
- DCD supported NRCS Conservation Programs, as well as Michigan Agricultural Environmental Assurance Program (MAEAP).
- The DCD joined the Loyal to Local Program in 2019
- The DCD secured funding from the WE Energies to run our stream monitoring project. This grant will run from 2019-2022.
- The DCD continued to serve as a drop off point for lake samples for the Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Program.

The Nature of Dickinson County Photo Contest showcased over 125 breathtaking local photos, and a number were featured in 2020 DCD calendar. Calendars are still being sold for $10 each. All proceeds go towards supporting environmental education in the community. For more info about the contest and to view this year’s photos, visit our website www.dickinsoncd.org.
Did You See Us??

DCD PARTICIPATED IN SEVERAL EVENTS IN 2019! HERE ARE SOME OF THE HIGHLIGHTS:

- CONDUCTED INVASIVE SPECIES MANAGEMENT AND EDUCATION IN THE IRON MOUNTAIN SCHOOL FOREST.

- JOINED WRISC IN THE IRON MOUNTAIN 4TH OF JULY PARADE.

- HELD AN INFORMATIONAL BOOTH DURING THE 2019 IRON MOUNTAIN DOWNTOWN FARMERS MARKET TO DIRECTLY ANSWER CITIZENS’ QUESTIONS.

- PARTNERED WITH THE KINGSFORD ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE CLASS TO COLLECT DATA ON PINE CREEK. THE DATA WAS GIVEN TO THE DNR TO HELP DECIDE MANAGEMENT PLANS.

- HELD A BOOTH AT THE DICKINSON COUNTY FAIR. WINNERS OF THE 2019 PHOTO CONTEST WERE DISPLAYED AND MANY QUESTIONS WERE ANSWERED.

PESTICIDE APPLICATOR BUSINESS

The DCD continued the Pesticide Applicator Business in 2019. The DCD treated Common and Glossy Buckthorn on a private property and helped certify it by NRCS. The Pesticide Applicator Business will resume in Summer 2020. Treatment focus will continue to be on woody invasive, such as Buckthorn, Autumn Olive, Japanese Barberry, and Honeysuckle. For more information, please contact Amber Butterfield.

NATIVE PLANT SALES

DCD tree & wildflower sales currently provide a bulk of the District’s operating funds. We work on tree and plant sales year round. 35 species of trees & shrubs and 20 species of edibles or fruit trees were offered during the 2018 Spring Tree Sale, an event that has been ongoing for at least 66 years! In 2018, over 100,000 trees were sold to more than 500 costumers. The Summer wildflower and Fall Conifer Sales offer additional options. Contact us for 2019 order blanks or visit our website www.dickinsoncd.org today!

Visit us at: www.dickinsoncd.org
Like us on Facebook: @DickinsonCD
**IMPORTANT DATES**

**Dickinson CD Board Meetings:**
3rd Thursday of every month @ 5:00 pm
USDA Service Center
420 N Hooper St, Kingsford

**WRISC Board Meeting**
Feb 4– Apr 1– June 5 - Aug 5 –Oct 7– Dec 2
Contact Lindsay Peterson
DCD 774-1550 ext 102

**Spring Tree Sale Pickup**
Norway ~ May 1 & 2
Coleman ~ May 2
Norway ~ County Fairgrounds
Coleman ~ High School Parking

**Photo Contest Submissions Due**
June 30th, 2020
USDA Service Center
420 N Hooper St, Kingsford

**Wildflower Sale**
May 29– June 7
USDA Service Center
420 N Hooper St, Kingsford

**THANK YOU!**
A special thanks to our volunteers and sponsors who have taken the time to help the DCD this year!! We could not be who we are without your support and want you to know you are greatly appreciated.
JAN 25, 2020
8:30 AM
Bethany Lutheran Church
130 Odill Dr.
Norway, MI 49870

Dickinson Conservation District
2020 ANNUAL MEETING

Updates
Learn what we’ve been up to. Hear from our CISMA, NRCS, FAP Forester, and District Manager on their 2019 accomplishments.

Speakers
Come listen to Landen Tetil speak on Produce Safety Inspection. Also hear from Slagle Farms about different programs implemented on their farms.

Election
Take part in voting for your Dickinson Conservation District’s Board of Directors.

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# Dickinson Conservation District

## 2018-2019 Audited Financial Statement

### Revenue

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**Total Revenues**: $358,692

### Expenditures

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**Total Expenditures**: $372,393

Excess Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures: ($13,701)

**FUND BALANCE-BEGINNING OF YEAR**: $135,615

**FUND BALANCE-END OF YEAR**: $121,914
2020 SPRING TREE SALE

Online Store for the Dickinson Conservation District is live and order forms are being sent out. Make sure to get your orders in!

Click Here To Order

PICK UP DAYS: MAY 1 & 2-NORWAY
MAY 2-COLEMAN