

**KOOCHICHING SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
COURTHOUSE BASEMENT CONFERENCE ROOM  
715 4<sup>TH</sup> STREET \* INTERNATIONAL FALLS \* MN \* 56649  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2009**

<b>Members Present:</b>	<b>Ralph Lewis</b>	<b>District I</b>
	<b>Wayne Meyers</b>	<b>District II</b>
	<b>Eldon Voigt</b>	<b>District III</b>
	<b>Bernie Uran</b>	<b>District IV</b>
	<b>Al Linder</b>	<b>District V</b>

**Members Absent:** none

**Also Present:** Pam Tomevi, Justin Berg, Kelly Voigt, Kevin Adee

Chair Linder called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

**2009/12-1 Motion by Lewis, seconded by Uran to approve the agenda with additions.**

**Voting yes: Lewis, Meyers, Voigt, Uran and Linder. Motion carried.**

**2009/12-2 Motion by Uran, seconded by Voigt to approve the minutes dated November 2, 2009.**

**Voting yes: Lewis, Meyers, Voigt, Uran and Linder. Motion carried.**

**2009/12-3 Motion by Voigt, seconded by Meyers to approve the Treasures Reports ending October 31, 2009.**

**Voting yes: Lewis, Meyers, Voigt, Uran and Linder. Motion carried.**

**2009/12-4 Motion by Voigt, seconded by Lewis to approve for payment, Accounts Payable totaling \$2875.06**

**Voting yes: Lewis, Meyers, Voigt, Uran and Linder. Motion carried.**

**GUEST INTRODUCTIONS:**

Assistant land commissioner Tom Morris presented a request to the Board for cost share assistance to address the erosion and sedimentation problem at the Samuelson Park public access near Silverdale. The district technician provided a technical assessment with photos and a cost estimate of \$16,500 for rock riprap, rock, and seeding and mulching.

**2009/12-5 Motion by Voigt, seconded by Uran to approve the Koochiching County Lands and Forests/Samuelson Park shoreline stabilization cost-share application CS10-1 with a project start date of 12-14-2010 or before and a project completion date of 5-31-2011 or before, encumbering \$7488 of FY10 state cost-share funds on the basis of 75% with \$1872 encumbered for Technical and Administrative Services.**

**Voting yes: Lewis, Meyers, Voigt, Uran and Linder. Motion carried.**

## **REPORTS:**

### **Supervisor Reports:**

Supervisor Voigt reported on his attendance at the 2009 MASCD State Convention and provided a recap of resolutions and their outcomes. Further discussion included possible candidates for the 2010 Outstanding Conservationist Award and the 2010 MASWCD convention planning.

Supervisor Uran reported seeing wood ash being hauled to the Mizpah area and offered discussion regarding the 2009-2010 wood ash program costs and activities.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **Budget Committee:**

Supervisor Lewis reported on current CD rates.

#### **Personnel Committee:**

Supervisor Voigt reported that the personnel committee reviewed the annual performance evaluation of the district technician submitted by the district coordinator and concurred with her recommendation to award the technician for his superior performance with performance pay, as authorized under the Employee Awards Program.

**2009/12-6 Motion by Lewis, seconded by Uran to approve the personnel committee recommendation to award the district technician for superior performance with performance pay in the amount of \$500.**

**Voting yes: Lewis, Meyers, Voigt, Uran and Linder. Motion carried.**

#### **District Coordinator Report:**

The coordinator provided a verbal activity report. Discussion items included the state convention, accounting review and leave.

#### **District Technician Report:**

The technician provided a verbal activity report. Discussion items included the state convention, Living Snow Fence Initiative award from MN DOT, City of International Falls wetland planning, and wood ash.

#### **District Conservationist Report:**

The district conservationist provided a verbal activity report. Discussion items included

- EQIP – 29 contracts approved for Koochiching County; 2010 local work group meeting scheduled by the SWCD Board for Monday, January 4, 2010 at 6:00 pm in the Koochiching County courthouse basement conference room.
- CSP - Conservation Stewardship Program – 5 approved in Koochiching (1 forestry/4 agriculture)
- Conservation compliance checks

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**FY10 Forest Stewardship Grant:**

**2009/12-7 Motion by Voigt, seconded by Lewis to approve the FY2010 Forest Stewardship grant agreement and authorize the Board Chair's signature.**

**Voting yes: Lewis, Meyers, Voigt, Uran and Linder. Motion carried.**

**Freedom of Information Act (FOIA):**

The district conservationist reviewed the new acknowledgment of the compliance section 1619.

**2009/12-8 Motion by Lewis, seconded by Uran authorizing the Board Chair's signature to the FOIA.**

**Voting yes: Lewis, Meyers, Voigt, Uran and Linder. Motion carried.**

**Living Snow Fence Initiative:**

The Board reviewed the grant for the Living Snow Fence Initiative and had several questions.

**2009/12-9 Motion by Lewis, seconded by Voigt to table the Living Snow Fence Initiative grant approval until the January meeting.**

**Voting yes: Lewis, Meyers, Voigt, Uran and Linder. Motion carried.**

**Staff Leave:**

**2009/12-10 Motion by Meyers, seconded by Lewis approving the following staff leave requests:**

- **District Coordinator – December 28-31**
- **District Technician – December 28-31**

**Voting yes: Lewis, Meyers, Voigt, Uran and Linder. Motion carried.**

**General Business:**

General business discussion included Commissioner Hanson's activity report and the Department of Agriculture's new assistance program for farmers.

**Confirm Next Meeting Date:**

The next meeting of the Koochiching SWCD will be the annual reorganizational meeting held on Monday, January 4th, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. in the courthouse basement conference room.

**Adjourn Meeting:**

**2009/12-11 Motion by Lewis, seconded by Meyers to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 pm.**

**Voting yes: Lewis, Meyers, Voigt, Uran and Linder. Motion carried.**

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Board Secretary

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Date