

**KOOCHICHING SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
COURTHOUSE BASEMENT CONFERENCE ROOM
715 4TH STREET * INTERNATIONAL FALLS * MN * 56649
MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 2009**

Members Present: Ralph Lewis; Wayne Meyers; Eldon Voigt; Bernie Uran; Al Linder
Members Absent: None

Also Present: Pam Tomevi, District Coordinator; Justin Berg, District Technician; Krystina Meyers, Program Assistant; Kelly Voigt, NRCS District Conservationist; Kevin Adee, County Commissioner; Terry Aitchison; Lois Lewis, Maria Lewis, and Gordon Lewis.

Chair Linder called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm

2009/8-1 Motion by Lewis, seconded by Uran to approve the agenda as presented.

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

A celebration was held for District I Supervisor Ralph Lewis who was recognized for his 40 years of service to the Koochiching Soil & Water Conservation District. The District Coordinator presented Supervisor Lewis with a 40 year pin. The Board welcomed Lois Lewis, Maria Lewis, Gordon Lewis, and Terry Aitchison who congratulated Supervisor Lewis on his service award.

2009/8-2 Motion by Lewis, seconded by Meyers to approve the minutes dated July 6, 2009 with corrections.

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

2009/8-3 Motion by Uran, seconded by Lewis to approve Treasurer's report for June 30, 2009.

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

2009/8-4 Motion by Voigt, seconded by Meyers to approve for payment, Accounts Payable totaling \$353.03.

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

REPORTS:

Supervisor Reports:

- Supervisor Voigt reported on the Tree Team forestry meeting where discussion included proposed changes to the forest stewardship program regarding plan fee charges.
- Supervisor Linder reported that he attended the RC&D meeting in Grand Portage where discussion included the beef grazing workshop.
- Supervisor Uran reported that he attended the grazing tour and was very pleased with the speakers and information provided.

District Coordinator Report:

Copy on file. Discussion included a UMD grant to assess the regions food system by way of interviewing local farmers. Supervisors Voigt and Linder agreed to participate. The coordinator reported that currently she is the only person listed on the signature card at Border State Bank and suggested the Board add one supervisor and the program assistant.

District Technician Report:

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Copy on file. Discussion included assistance provided for the Wetland Conservation Act (WCA), forestry, and potential cost-share projects.

2009/8-5 Motion by Lewis, seconded by Uran to approve District Treasurer, Bernie Uran and Program Assistant, Krystina Meyers the signing approval at Border State Bank.

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

Program Assistant Report:

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NRCS District Conservationist:

Discussion included the beef grazing workshop, CSP sign up and training. Voigt thanked District staff and supervisors for attending the workshop and for their assistance in planning and organizing the event.

NEW BUSINESS:

2010 BWSR Grant Agreement:

2009/8-6 Motion by Voigt, seconded by Lewis authorizing the District Chair to sign the 2010 BWSR Grant Agreement.

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

City of International Falls Comprehensive Wetland Management Plan (CWMP):

The coordinator presented to the Board copies of a letter sent to City Administrator Rod Otterness regarding a proposal by the Army Corps of Engineers to supply staff and other resources to help ensure that the plan will satisfy the requirements of both the WCA and the Federal Clean Water Act.

2009 MASWCD Awards:

The Board reviewed and signed the District Capacity Award. After reviewing nominees for the Outstanding Conservationist and Outstanding Forest Steward, the Board selected the Northome School for their forestry projects and Wayne Rasmussen for his conservation efforts.

2009/8-7 Motion by Voigt, seconded by Uran to honor the Northome School and Wayne Rasmussen as the Outstanding Forest Steward and Outstanding Conservationist.

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

Upcoming Training:

2009/8-8 Motion by Voigt, seconded by Lewis to approve attendance for 3 Supervisors and 1 Staff Member to attend the Area VIII meeting in Bemidji on September 10-11 and 2 Supervisors and 1 Staff member to the Rainy River Board Meeting in International Falls on August 22.

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

Staff Leave:

2009/8-9 Motion by Lewis, seconded by Voigt to approve staff leave requests as follows:

- **District Coordinator August 12-14**
- **District Technician September 4, 8-11.**

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

Permits:

The Board reviewed DNR permit 2010-0025 to the City of Ranier for a dock replacement and permit number 2010-0027 to Koochiching Lands and Forests for culvert replacements.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

General business discussion included Commissioner Hanson's activity report for July and various newsletters.

Confirm Next Meeting Date:

Due to the Labor Day holiday, the next regular meeting of the Koochiching SWCD will be held on Tuesday, September 8, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the courthouse basement conference room.

Adjourn Meeting:

2009/8-10 Motion by Voigt, seconded by Lewis to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 pm.

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

Submitted by: _____
Board Secretary

_____ Date