

**KOOCHICHING SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
COURTHOUSE BASEMENT CONFERENCE ROOM
715 4TH STREET * INTERNATIONAL FALLS * MN * 56649
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2009**

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

Members Absent: none

Also Present: Pam Tomevi, District Coordinator; Justin Berg, District Technician; Krystina Meyers, Program Assistant; Kelly Voigt, District Conservationist; Kevin Adee, County Commissioner;

Chair Linder called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm

2009/2-1 Motion by Lewis, seconded by Voigt to approve the agenda with additions.

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

2009/2-2 Motion by Uran, seconded by Lewis to approve the minutes dated January 5, 2009 with corrections.

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

2009/2-3 Motion by Voigt, seconded by Uran to approve the Treasures Reports ending November 30 and December 31, 2008.

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

2009/2-4 Motion by Lewis, seconded by Uran to approve for payment, Accounts Payable totaling \$329.33.

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

REPORTS:

Supervisor Reports:

- Supervisor Voigt reported that MPCA is holding an informational meeting in Duluth on February 18th regarding the Littlefork River watershed review and requested the Board's authorization to attend.

2009/2-5 Motion by Lewis, seconded by Uran to authorize staff and supervisor attendance at the February 18 meeting in Duluth.

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

Supervisor Voigt asked the District Technician to discuss the issues that were communicated at the forestry meeting on February 2nd. The District Technician informed the board of the Cleanwater committee and the projects taking place to educate the legislators on our forested areas.

- Supervisor Uran commented that excess wetlands in Koochiching County has had a negative

impact on economic development that was reported in the Census of 99-00.

- Supervisor Linder reported that he attended the Laurentian RC&D meeting as well as the Area 8 meeting in Bemidji.

District Coordinator Report:

Discussion included plat book proposals, staff training on financials and quarterly reports, forest legacy with Art Norton, conference call with Minnesota Extension, visit from former technician Ryan Heinen, discussion with BWSR Board Conservationist, invoice to ESD for NRBG grant, eLink reporting for DNR shore land activities, website updates for county and Koochiching SWCD's, vacation time and sick leave.

District Technician Report:

Discussion included forestry meeting, Envirothon meeting, wildlife committee, wetland delineation for Highway department, 4H presentations, and Woodland Advisor classes on GPS units, land taxes, and land transfers.

NRCS District Conservationist Report:

Discussion included living snow fence, RC&D grazing tour in Littlefork area, updated soil survey, woody biomass, Land & Forest project, and new employee who began work 2/2/09.

OLD BUSINESS:

2009/2-6 Motion by Voigt, seconded by Uran to approve Draft Complaint Policy as corrected.

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

2009/2-7 Motion by Uran, seconded by Meyers authorizing the District Coordinator to enter into a contract, as presented, with Cloud Cartographic for the update and purchase of 1000 plat books.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution Adoption:

2009/2-8 Motion by Voigt, seconded by Lewis that the Board adopt the County Board's clean water plan as their Comprehensive plan.

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

Discussion was made on the upcoming corrections to 2009 Annual Plan. District Coordinator informed Board that the staff would bring corrections to the March meeting.

Cost Share:

The Board reviewed final photos and receipts for the Carol Dethmer's project.

2009/2-9 Motion by Lewis, seconded by Uran authorizing Vice-chair Linder to sign the payment approval section on the Cost-Share Voucher & Practice Certification form on contract # CS09-1 utilizing FY09 cost-share funds in the amount of \$ 2500 for full payment on the basis of 50% of the total project cost of \$ 5110 and authorizing district use of \$625 in FY09 cost-share funds for technical and administrative assistance. Motion further approves the donation of shrubs from the 2009 Tree Sale Program as outlined in the planting plan.

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

The NRCS District Conservationist and the District Technician discussed with the Board the Reinke's

critical area planting project. The Board agreed to allow staff to conduct additional site visits and soil borings in an attempt to gather additional information.

The District Coordinator informed the Board that the 2007 emergency drought funding has expired as of 9/11/08 so funds encumbered for but not utilized on contract DD07-10 need to be returned to the state.

2009/2-10 Motion by Voigt, seconded by Lewis acknowledging the expiration of FY07 Drought Disaster funds and authorizing the District Coordinator to return the remaining funds to the State in the amount of \$650 and draft a letter to the contract holder informing him of his cancelled contract number DD07-10.

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

Climatology Program:

Discussion took place regarding the retirement of two observers who together logged more than 60 years of volunteer service to the climatology program. The District Coordinator asked for and was granted permission to send plaques of recognition to these observers with the expenditure to come from the education/promotion budget.

2009/2-11 Motion by Lewis, seconded by Uran authorizing the District Technician's attendance at the Legislative Briefing and Day at the Capital on February 23-24.

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

Confirm Next Meeting Date:

The next regular meeting of the Koochiching SWCD will be held on Monday, March 2, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. in the courthouse basement conference room.

Adjourn Meeting:

2009/2-12 Motion by Uran, seconded by Lewis to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 pm.

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

Submitted by: _____
Board Secretary Date

Approved: _____
Board Chairman Date