

**KOOCHICHING SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
COURTHOUSE BASEMENT CONFERENCE ROOM
715 4TH STREET * INTERNATIONAL FALLS * MN * 56649
MONDAY, JULY 6, 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; Paul Sandstrom, Laurentian RC&D Coordinator

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

**2009/7-1 Motion by Lewis, seconded by Uran to approve the agenda with corrections.
Voting yes: Lewis, Meyers, Voigt, Uran and Linder. Motion carried.**

**2009/7-2 Motion by Uran, seconded by Lewis to approve the minutes dated June 1, 2009 with corrections.
Voting yes: Lewis, Meyers, Voigt, Uran and Linder. Motion carried.**

**2009/7-3 Motion by Uran, seconded by Voigt to approve Treasures report for May 31, 2009.
Voting yes: Lewis, Meyers, Voigt, Uran and Linder. Motion carried.**

**2009/7-4 Motion by Meyers, seconded by Lewis to approve for payment, Accounts Payable totaling \$344.49.
Voting yes: Lewis, Meyers, Voigt, Uran and Linder. Motion carried.**

GUEST SPEAKER:

Paul Sandstrom, Laurentian RC&D Coordinator, gave an overview of projects in Koochiching County which included the plasma gasification (RECAP), Northome City Library, Beef Grazing Workshop, and other area projects including Farm Beginnings (Farm Training). Further discussion included the RAFT Project Narrative and Laurentian RC&D Council Project Report.

REPORTS:

Supervisor Reports:

- Supervisor Voigt reported that he plans to attend the tree team meeting via conference call on July 7, 2009 and the MN SWCD Forestry Association meeting later in the month.
- Supervisor Meyers reported that he attended the Area VIII meeting and is still learning about the programs and responsibilities of the Koochiching SWCD.
- Supervisor Uran reported that he attended the Area VIII meeting and discussed his notes on the resolution review, Cass County proposal for Clean Water fund projects, Ron Shelito's report, LeAnn Buck's report on the legislative update, and the possibility of a constitutional challenge to the Governor's unallotment plan.

Budget Committee Report:

The Budget Committee reported that they met with the District Coordinator to review the year to date financials. A follow-up review is scheduled for October.

District Coordinator Report:

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Discussion included radio broadcasts, LincPass enrollment, Emerald ash borer information, Wood Ash, WCA, Soil Survey, Area VIII meeting, Grazing Workshop, Woodland Advisor, Audit preparation, tree disease help, contribution agreement, and computer updates with NRCS.

District Technician Report:

Discussion included Forest Stewardship grant, WCA (landowner assistance, TEP/TAC meetings, training, banking), new DNR flight photos, Wood Ash permits, JPB engineer site visits for Cost-Share projects, City Wetland Plan visits with ACOE, City, and BWSR, radio broadcasts, and contribution agreement with NRCS.

Supervisor Voigt left the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

2009/7-5 Motion by Lewis, seconded by Uran authorizing the District Technician to attend a silviculture training class on July 14th in Grand Rapids and the wetland rules training on July 16th in Bemidji.

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

Absent: Voigt

Staff Leave:

District Coordinator submitted medical leave dates to the board (October 26-December 1, 2009).

GENERAL BUSINESS:

District Coordinator handed out County Commissioner Hanson's minutes and MCIT bulletin.

Confirm Next Meeting Date:

The next regular meeting of the Koochiching SWCD will be held on Monday, August 3, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the courthouse basement conference room.

Adjourn Meeting:

2009/7-6 Motion by Lewis, seconded by Uran to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 pm.

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

Absent: Voigt

Submitted by: _____
Board Secretary

Date

Board Chairman

Date