

**KOOCHICHING SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
COURTHOUSE BASEMENT CONFERENCE ROOM
715 4TH STREET * INTERNATIONAL FALLS * MN * 56649
MONDAY, JUNE 2, 2008**

Members Present:	Ralph Lewis	District I
	Eldon Voigt	District III
	Bernie Uran	District IV
	Al Linder	District V
Members Absent:	Troy Promersberger	District II

Also Present: Pam Tomevi, District Coordinator; Ryan Heinen, District Technician; Kelly Voigt (via phone), District Conservationist; Kevin Adee, County Commissioner; Richard Lehtinen, ESD Director; Ron Shelito, BWSR; Chad Severts, BWSR

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

2008/6-1 Motion by Linder, seconded by Lewis to approve the agenda with corrections.

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

2008/6-2 Motion by Voigt, seconded by Lewis to approve the minutes dated May 1, 2008.

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

2008/6-3 Motion by Voigt, seconded by Linder to approve treasurer's reports ending May 31, 2008 as presented.

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

2008/6-4 Motion by Linder, seconded by Voigt to approve for payment, Accounts Payable totaling \$8413.21

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

REPORTS:

Supervisor Reports:

- Supervisor Linder reported that he attended the Laurentian RC&D meeting in Floodwood where discussion included a newly hired RC&D forester, dry hydrants, and River Watch programs
- Supervisor Voigt reported that he spoke with Commissioner Pavleck and he would like to attend the July board meeting to discuss wetland issues.
- Supervisor Lewis reported that he attended the kickoff meeting for the RECAP plasma gasification project.
- Supervisor Uran provided information about the Northome County Fair.

District Coordinator Report:

Discussion included wood ash, wetlands, and the new website

District Technician Report:

Copy on file. Discussion included wetlands and forest stewardship.

The Environmental Services Director reported that the County did not make the June 1st deadline

regarding the septic ordinance, however, the hope is that the planning commission will make a recommendation that can be brought to the County Board on 6-24-08. The BWSR Board reluctantly extended the deadline until September 1, 2008.

NRCS District Conservationist Report:

Kelly Voigt discussed her monthly activity report as follows:

Practices applied:

- Nutrient Management – 119.4 acres
- Conservation Crop Rotation – 64.2 acres
- Wildlife openings – 3.3 acres
- Fence – 9,932 feet
- Pasture and Hayland planting – frost seeding – 58.3 acres
- Riparian buffer – 6.9 acres
- Tree planting – 72 acres
- Farmstead shelterbelt – 1.0 acre

Other:

- Worked on ongoing wetland appeals and contract appeals.
- Staked farmstead shelterbelt on-site for L. Larson
- Completed nutrient management for Dreher Dairy
- Worked with rodent damaged tree issue
- Coordinated with Mark S. to find correct pressure switch for Jim Ungerecht's solar system
- Met with Howard Powell to discuss pipeline for K-bar ranch
- Coordinated tree planting projects with DNR Foresters
- Split state zone for bovine TB – map has been proposed with the boundary being CoRd 2 south of Williams being the boundary within Lake of the Woods County
- A new farm bill was passed

Training/Meetings

- Giziibii RC&D meeting – May 28th
- County Committee meeting – June 4th
- Upcoming First Aid/CPR training in TRF – June 10th
- Lake of the Woods County Fair – June 26th – 28th

Contract data:

- A total of 37 active contracts remaining with \$269,286 in practices to be applied, yet.
- So far in 2008, 16 practices are applied. Payments for these practices total \$38,320.76
- 77 practices remain to be applied in 2008.

OLD BUSINESS:

District Signs:

The coordinator provided a quote from Fairchild Sign for \$400 to replace a 4'X5' road sign. The Board asked staff to check with North St Louis SWCD to see what they paid for their district highway sign and report back at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Cost-Share:

The Board welcomed BWSR staff Ron Shelito and Chad Severts. Shelito provided an overview of the state cost-share program including copies of the manual and state statute. Severts conducted a state

