

**KOOCHICHING SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
ANNUAL REORGANIZATIONAL BOARD MEETING
COURTHOUSE BASEMENT CONFERENCE ROOM
715 4TH STREET * INTERNATIONAL FALLS * MN * 56649
MONDAY, MARCH 3, 2008**

Members Present:	Ralph Lewis	District I
	Troy Promersberger	District II
	Eldon Voigt	District III
	Bernie Uran (via telephone)	District IV
	Al Linder	District V

Also Present: Pam Tomevi, District Coordinator; Ryan Heinen, District Technician; Chad Baldwin, Program Assistant; Richard Lehtinen, ESD Director; Kevin Adee, County Commissioner; Paul Sandstrom, Laurentian RC&D Coordinator;

Vice-chair Linder called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm

**2008/3-1 Motion by Lewis, seconded by Promersberger to approve the agenda with corrections.
Voting yes: Lewis, Promersberger, Voigt, Uran, Linder. Motion carried.**

**2008/3-2 Motion by Lewis, seconded by Voigt to approve the minutes dated February 4, 2008.
Voting yes: Lewis, Promersberger, Voigt, Uran, Linder. Motion carried.**

**2008/3-3 Motion by Lewis, seconded by Promersberger to approve for payment, Accounts Payable totaling \$1023.71
Voting yes: Lewis, Promersberger, Voigt, Uran, Linder. Motion carried.**

Guest Introductions:

The Board welcomed Chad Baldwin, the new District program assistant and Paul Sandstrom, the new Laurentian RC& D coordinator. Sandstrom provided information about his background which included 21 years as a district conservationist with the NRCS. Further discussion included ongoing and future projects including plasma gasification, capital improvements at Backus, and promoting a local farmer's market.

Supervisor Reports:

- Supervisor Lewis – the personnel committee interviewed and selected Chad Baldwin as the program assistant.
- Supervisor Promersberger –wood ash spreading in the Littlefork area.
- Supervisor Voigt – attended the Legislative Days at the Capitol where he met with Rep. Anzels and Sen. Saxhaug to discuss wetland flexibility and RIM-CE which will focus on funding demonstration sites for woody crops to be used for clean energy. The Board agreed to hold a special meeting to discuss the program and grant application process. Voigt reported that he testified at recent senate hearings to discuss paper mill sludge used for ethanol. The University of Minnesota is looking for a way to fund this type of project. Voigt confirmed that he will attend the 2-day forestry conference in Brainerd later this month and will give a short presentation on wood gasification at the next board meeting.

District Coordinator Report:

Copy on file. Discussion included prior authorization to purchase file cabinets and a computer monitor.

District Technician Report:

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