

**KOOCHICHING SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
COURTHOUSE BASEMENT CONFERENCE ROOM  
715 4<sup>TH</sup> STREET \* INTERNATIONAL FALLS \* MN \* 56649  
MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2009**

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

**Members Absent:** none

**Also Present: Pam Tomevi, District Coordinator; Justin Berg, District Technician; Krystina Meyers, Program Assistant; Kevin Adee, County Commissioner; Casey Olson, Former Soil Survey Project Leader; Art Norton, Nature's Conservancy**

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

**2009/3-1 Motion by Lewis, seconded by Uran to approve the agenda as presented.**

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

**2009/3-2 Motion by Uran, seconded by Lewis to approve the minutes dated February 2, 2009 with corrections.**

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

**2009/3-3 Motion by Lewis, seconded by Voigt to approve the Treasures Reports ending January 31, 2009.**

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

**2009/3-4 Motion by Voigt, seconded by Lewis to approve for payment, Accounts Payable totaling \$518.30.**

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

**GUEST SPEAKERS**

Former Soil Survey Project Leader, Casey Olson updated the Board on the progress of the soil survey in Koochiching County. She informed the board that there are only 80,000 acres left to map which will be all mapped by July 1<sup>st</sup>. Along with her report on the progress of the soil survey Mrs. Olson informed the board that she has taken a new job with the Gizibi RC&D which started March 2, 2009. The new Project Leader will be Larissa Schmitt who is stationed out of the Duluth office. She will be working with a team of soil scientists from May 11<sup>th</sup> to July 4<sup>th</sup> to complete the field work for the soil survey.

Art Norton presented to the board an overview of two major projects being done through the Nature's Conservancy. In his presentation Mr. Norton spoke about the Forest Capital Partners project and the Blandin Project (see attached for more details). Also mentioned by Mr. Norton was the Forest Legacy Activation that is needed to be approved by the Koochiching County Board.

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### **Supervisor Reports:**

- Supervisor Voigt reported on his attendance with the District Technician to the Legislative Days at the Capital. There they attended the Upper Mississippi press conference and visited with Representatives. Discussion also included more testing on the Littlefork River, permission from the County board to reorganize and start up the Rat Root River Board again, and the up coming meeting regarding shoreland ordinances on area water ways.

### **Committee Reports**

The Budget Committee reported that they reviewed three different revised budgets that more accurately reflected proposed revenues and expenditures. The District Coordinator provided additional information regarding 2008 actual figures as compared with the varied proposed budgets for 2009. The Budget Committee recommended the adoption of revised budget 2 (copy on file).

**2009/3-5 Motion by Lewis, seconded by Uran to adopt the revised budget 2 as presented.**

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

### **District Coordinator Report:**

Discussion included plat book's ordered, discussion with County Department Heads on requests, Carol Dethmers correspondence, Monday staff meetings, laptop repairs, discussion with Itasca, year end report, website, newsletter, and NRCS day.

### **District Technician Report:**

Discussion included 4H presentations, forest stewardship, Rotary Club visit, wetland banking sites, TAC meetings, living snow fences, meeting in Duluth with MPCA, Legislative Days, County Board meeting with Supervisor Voigt, and new draft ordinance meeting.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **Annual Plan:**

**2009/3-6 Motion by Voigt, seconded by Lewis to approve the 2009 Annual Plan as presented.**

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

**2009/3-7 Motion by Lewis, seconded by Uran authorizing the District to rent a booth and attend the 2009 Home Show.**

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

### **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

**2009/3-8 Motion by Lewis, seconded by Voigt authorizing staff and supervisor attendance at the Area VIII meeting in Bemidji on March 20<sup>th</sup>.**

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

**Absent: Uran.**

**2009/3-9 Motion by Voigt, seconded by Lewis authorizing the District Coordinator and Program Assistant to attend the Administrative Training in Thief River Falls on April 1-2.**

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

**Absent: Uran.**

**Confirm Next Meeting Date:**

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

**Adjourn Meeting:**

**2009/3-10 Motion by Voigt, seconded by Meyers to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 pm.**

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

**Absent: Uran.**

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Board Secretary Date

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Board Chairman Date