

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

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

**Also Present: Pam Tomevi, District Coordinator; Justin Berg, District Technician; Krystina Meyers, Program Assistant; Kelly Voigt, NRCS District Conservationist; Kevin Daw, Assistant State Conservationist; Larissa Schmitt, acting Soil Survey Project Leader**

Chair Linder called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm

**2009/5-1 Motion by Lewis, seconded by Uran to approve the agenda as presented.**

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

**2009/5-2 Motion by Uran, seconded by Lewis to approve the minutes dated April 6, 2009.**

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

**2009/5-3 Motion by Uran, seconded by Meyers to approve the Treasures Reports ending March 31, 2009 with corrections.**

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

**2009/5-4 Motion by Lewis, seconded by Uran to approve for payment, Accounts Payable totaling \$1,462.78.**

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

**GUEST SPEAKERS**

District Conservationist Kelly Voigt introduced Larissa Schmitt acting Project Leader for the Koochiching Soil Survey and Kevin Daw Assistant State Conservationist from the field office out of Duluth. Daw informed the Board that the Koochiching soil survey will be completed in this field season. Schmitt provided an overview of her experience in the Duluth office and reported that the plan is to be done mapping by July 31<sup>st</sup> with the help of 3 soil scientists who will be here for the summer months, as well as a large amount of in state people who will assist with finishing the 85,000 acres of mapping still left in Koochiching. After the mapping is done the data will be entered into the computer this fall and winter making it available for viewing next spring. Following discussion on the survey Kevin spoke with the Board about what kind of support the Area office can supply to the District including a staff of engineers, wetland specialists, GIS specialists, soil scientists, and others that can assist with projects. The District Technician explained the need for NRCS assistance with soil borings for some of the District Cost-Share projects. Daw provided request forms to use when the District wishes to request the use of the Area office staff and/or equipment but explained that he would not authorize the use of NRCS staff or equipment for soil borings unless Federal money was connected to the project.

**REPORTS:**

### **Supervisor Reports:**

- Supervisor Uran attended the Big Fork River Board Meeting (notes on file).
- Supervisor Lewis reminded the Board that the current resolution opposing any change in legislation regarding SWCD supervisor election boundaries will sunset on December 31, 2009. The Board agreed to review/re-submit the resolution at their June board meeting.
- Supervisor Linder discussed his attendance at two JPB meetings this month for the purpose of interviewing and selecting a candidate to fill the vacant technician position. Linder informed the Board that the JPB board has made an offer and is waiting for written acceptance of the job.

### **District Coordinator Report:**

The coordinator provided a verbal activity report that included tree sales, Lee's going out of business, nursery calls, Wood Ash discussions with Paul, Chet, Dave, and Bob Anderson, Spring Administrative Training in Thief River Falls, Home and Recreation Show, spoke with Dan Holen from FSA, did the Special District Finance Report for 2007, Website clearing by BWSR, worked on the Wage and Benefit Report, Plat Book sales, Legislative updates, sent out 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Wood Ash Invoice, participated in Envirothon, attended a meeting at the college regarding Leading in Turbulent Times, and sent out City WCA proposal. Further discussion included the Northome and Littlefork Fairs. The Board decided that, due to the time frame of the Littlefork Fair, the District will not set up a booth this year. The coordinator asked the Board to consider implementing a discount on plat book orders of 10 or more books. The board agreed to allow a 10% discount on volume purchases of 10 books or more.

**2009/5-5 Motion by Lewis, seconded by Meyers to rent booth space for the 2009 Northome Fair.  
Voting yes: Lewis, Meyers, Uran and Linder. Motion carried.**

### **District Technician Report:**

The technician provided a verbal activity report that included water quality testing, soil training, Northeast Wetland Mitigation Strategy, Wood Ash permits and discussion, TAC meeting, Home and Recreation Show, work on Hwy 77 project for the County Highway Department, and a Boise tour.

### **NRCS District Conservationist**

The district conservationist reported on the EQIP program and the enrollment deadline of May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Further discussion included living snow fences, the Freedom of Information Act (FIOA) changes under the 2009 Farm Bill, and the contribution agreement with the District to conduct field checks.

### **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

**2009/5-6 Motion by Uran, seconded by Lewis authorizing Supervisor Voigt to attend in the Tree Team Meeting in Grand Rapids on May 11<sup>th</sup>.**

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

### **Staff Leave**

**2009/5-7 Motion by Lewis, seconded by Uran authorizing annual leave for the District Coordinator as presented.**

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

### **Confirm Next Meeting Date:**

The next regular meeting of the Koochiching SWCD will be held on Monday, June 1, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the courthouse basement conference room.

**Adjourn Meeting:**

**2009/5-8 Motion by Uran, seconded by Meyers to adjourn the meeting at 9:06 pm.**

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

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

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