

**KOOCHICHING SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
ANNUAL REORGANIZATIONAL BOARD MEETING
COURTHOUSE BASEMENT CONFERENCE ROOM
715 4TH STREET * INTERNATIONAL FALLS * MN * 56649
MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 2008**

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

Members Absent: None

Also Present: Pam Tomevi, District Coordinator; Ryan Heinen, District Technician; Kelly Voigt, NRCS District Conservationist; Richard Lehtinen, ESD Director; Kevin Adee, County Commissioner; Dave Reimer, Boise; Bob Anderson, Boise; Paul Montain, Mountain Environmental; Chet Lund, Mountain Environmental; Frank Bahr, Bill Hanson, Clint Clark

As per District policy to elect the chairman and vice chairman on a rotational basis, Supervisor Bernie Uran accepted the office of chair and Supervisor Al Linder accepted the office of vice chair for the calendar year 2008. Eldon Voigt was appointed Board Secretary and Troy Promersberger was appointed Board Treasurer.

Chair Uran called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm

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

**2008/1-2 Motion by Lewis, seconded by Voigt to approve the minutes dated December 10,
2007.
Voting yes: Lewis, Promersberger, Voigt, Uran, Linder. Motion carried.**

**2008/1-3 Motion by Uran, seconded by Lewis to approve for payment, Accounts Payable
totaling \$6587.16
Voting yes: Lewis, Promersberger, Voigt, Uran, Linder. Motion carried.**

Guest Introductions:

The Board welcomed Boise and Mountain Environmental representatives to discuss the wood ash program. Dave Reimer provided a recap on the 2007 program including tons of ash hauled and spread and provided details on current goals, especially with regard to hauling to an entire area to better utilize staff time and equipment resources. Currently, 800-900 acres are permitted to receive ash. Reimer reported that the ash contract is up for bids in the next few months.

Paul Montain voiced his concern over the lack of wet weather sites available. Challenging soil types and landowner dissatisfaction were cited by the district as main reasons for lack of appropriate wet weather sites.

Further discussion included ash production in Canada. At this time it appears that 100% of the ash produced in Canada is landfilled.

Bill Hanson expressed his frustration over fields that he had permitted to receive ash over 3 years ago. Ash was promised but not delivered. Hanson explained that he has voiced his concerns before without resolve and wants to make sure that landowner concerns are being addressed.

Clint Clark asked to receive a copy of the 2006 wood ash customer satisfaction survey results.

The Board agreed on the following 2008 committee assignments:

- Budget Committee: Ralph Lewis and Troy Promersberger
- Personnel Committee: Ralph Lewis and Bernie Uran
- Education/Public Relations Committee: Eldon Voigt and Al Linder
- North Central MN JPB: Al Linder
- Laurentian RC&D: Al Linder
- MN SWCD Forestry Association: Eldon Voigt
- Big Fork River Board: Bernie Uran
- Littlefork/Rat Root River Board: Troy Promersberger and Al Linder (Eldon Voigt – Alternate)
- Weed Appeal Committee: Ralph Lewis and Al Linder
- Wood Ash Committee: Troy Promersberger and Al Linder (Eldon Voigt – Alternate)

2008/1-4 Motion by Promersberger, seconded by Voigt to keep the regular monthly meetings at the First Monday of each month at 6:30pm winter months (November – April) and 7:00pm summer months (May – October) and keep supervisor per diem rates at \$55 for in-county and \$75 for out-of-county events.

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

2008/1-5 Motion by Linder, seconded by Voigt to follow the IRS mileage reimbursement rate of 50.5 cents per mile:

2008/1-6 Motion by Lewis, seconded by Linder to keep Bremer Bank and Border State Banks as the official depositories.

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

2008/1-7 Motion by Voigt, seconded by Linder to keep the Daily Journal as the official newspaper.

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

2008/1-8 Motion by Voigt, seconded by Linder to grant check signing authority to Pam Tomevi, Ryan Heinen, Ralph Lewis, and Troy Promersberger.

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

2008/1-9 Motion by Voigt, seconded by Lewis to approve the 2007 fixed asset inventory as presented.

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

The Board reviewed current memorandums of understanding and cooperative agreements.

2008/1-10 Motion by Voigt, seconded by Lewis authorizing the district's continued participation in current Memorandums of Understanding.

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

Supervisor Reports:

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