

**KOOCHICHING SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
COURTHOUSE BASEMENT CONFERENCE ROOM
715 4TH STREET * INTERNATIONAL FALLS * MN * 56649
MONDAY, APRIL 5, 2010**

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

Members Absent: None

Also Present: Pam Tomevi; Justin Berg; Kelly Voigt

Chair Lewis called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm

2010/4-1 Motion by Uran, seconded by Linder to approve the agenda with corrections.

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

2010/4-2 Motion by Uran, seconded by Linder to approve minutes dated March 1, 2010.

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

2010/4-3 Motion by Linder, seconded by Uran to correct the Treasurer's Report ending December 31, 2009.

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

2010/4-4 Motion by Linder, seconded by Uran to approve Accounts Payable in the amount of \$914.06 (details on file).

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

Supervisor Reports:

- Supervisor Voigt reported on the forestry meeting and bio baler demonstration.
- Supervisor Uran reported on the Area VIII meeting and commented that the personnel presentation by MCIT was very informative.
- Supervisor Linder reported on the bio baler demonstration and provided an update on RC&D projects.
- Supervisor Meyers reported that he received a response to a letter he wrote to MPCA addressing complaints over garbage and animal health. A follow up site visit will take place over the summer. Additional discussion included landowner concerns over erosion occurring very close to a residence.
- Supervisor Lewis reported that he spoke to the former county attorney regarding the failed plat book contract with Cloud Cartographics and whether a letter to the Attorney General would be beneficial and she felt it was unlikely. Supervisor Uran agreed to draft a letter to the Attorney General asking for her help.

District Coordinator Report:

Discussion included the computer transition from USDA Server to County, website updates, radio spots, Home Show booth, climatology program, tree program, assistance provided to other SWCDs, plat book update progress, and year-end financial report.

District Technician Report:

Copy on file.

NRCS Report:

Discussion included the

- Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) applications have been signed;
- EQIP ó all contracts were funded except 1 seasonal high tunnel;
- Temporary employee will be finishing this week;
- Permanent employee hired and will begin 5/10/10

NEW BUSINESS:

State Envirothon

The technician reported that he has been asked to be a presenter at the State Envirothon on May 17th and asked the Board to approve his participation and expenses.

2010/4-5 Motion by Voigt, seconded by Linder authorizing the technician to participate in the State Envirothon on 5/17 in Deerwood including lodging and meals.

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

Upcoming Meetings/Training:

2010/4-6 Motion by Meyers, seconded by Voigt authorizing the District Coordinator to attend:

- Communication for Women – April 28 in St Cloud
- Real Colors Facilitator Training – June 9-11 in St Paul

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

Staff Leave Requests:

2010/4-7 Motion by Voigt, seconded by Meyers to approve the following staff leave request:

- District Technician: April 12-13, 2010

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

General Business:

Discussion included Commissioner Hanson's monthly activity report, MASWCD resolutions due to sunset on December 31, 2010, a request from KEDA regarding the Biomass Work Group, the year end climatology reports, and the Northern District Fair registration form.

2010/4-8 Motion by Linder, seconded by Uran authorizing Supervisor Voigt to represent the District on the KEDA Biomass Work Group.

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

2010/4-9 Motion by Voigt, seconded by Linder authorizing the coordinator to send an appreciation stipend to each rain gauge volunteer in the amount of \$20 each.

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

Confirm Next Meeting Date:

The next regular meeting of the Koochiching SWCD will be held on Monday, May 3, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the courthouse basement conference room.

Adjourn Meeting:

2010/4-10 Motion by Voigt, seconded by Meyers to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 pm.

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

Submitted by: _____
Board Secretary

_____ Date