

**KOOCHICHING SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
COURTHOUSE BASEMENT CONFERENCE ROOM
715 4TH STREET * INTERNATIONAL FALLS * MN * 56649
MONDAY, JUNE 7, 2010**

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

Members Absent: **Bernie Uran** **District IV**

Also Present: **Pam Tomevi; Justin Berg; Commissioner Kevin Adee, Kelly Voigt, Art Norton**

Chair Lewis called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm

2010/6-1 Motion by Linder, seconded by Voigt to approve the agenda.

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

2010/6-2 Motion by Linder, seconded by Meyers to approve minutes dated April 5, 2010.

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

2010/6-3 Motion by Voigt, seconded by Meyers to approve Accounts Payable in the amount of \$3287.27 (details on file)

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

Guest Introductions:

The Board welcomed Art Norton, Nature Conservancy, who provided an overview of the Littlefork NIPF project which will focus non-industrial forest land management efforts in the Bear River Demonstration Forest area, encompassing 280,000 acres in the Littlefork area. Norton requested assistance from the District to provide grant administration, work plan development, and forest stewardship plan writing.

2010/6-4 Motion by Linder, seconded by Meyers authorizing District staff to participate in the Littlefork NIPF project and appoint Supervisor Voigt to the advisory committee.

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

Supervisor Reports:

- Supervisor Voigt reported on the MN SWCD Forestry Association meeting where discussion included dues. Other discussion included CSP payment rates and biomass meeting with KEDA.

2010/6-5 Motion by Voigt, seconded by Linder to approve payment of \$60 to the MN SWCD Forestry Association for 2010 dues.

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

- Supervisor Linder reported on the Laurentian RC&D meeting where discussion included a biomass project application that was approved for assistance. Other discussion included the North Central MN Joint Powers Board meeting regarding the host district selection.
- Supervisor Lewis reported on the Area VIII meeting where the state convention promotional items were discussed along with the poster/essay contest winner, the Gizibi RC&D grazing tour, annual fall meeting September 23-24, and the resolution outcome.

District Coordinator Report:

Discussion included the tree sale program, golf course environmental education days, MASWCD Leadership Alumni workshop, Living Snow Fence invoicing, website email, and the plat book update.

District Technician Report:

Copy on file. Discussion included the wood ash program, WCA, water testing, state envirothon, shoreland erosion sites along the Rat Root River, and hazardous waste collection.

2010/6-6 Motion by Linder, seconded by Voigt authorizing District staff to work with the Rainy Lake Sportfishing Club to establish a working agreement and submit a project application to the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council.

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

NRCS Report:

Discussion included

- Staff moving ó Dan Holen, FSA, has accepted a new position in Washington D.C.
- Tree planting ó the number of projects have increased considerably from prior years
- CSP ó new signups will be taken until 6/25/2010

NEW BUSINESS:

Cost-Share:

2010/6-7 Motion by Voigt, seconded by Linder to cancel cost-share contract CS09-2 due to lack of DNR permit (denied) and unencumber FY09 funds in the amount of \$7711 and FY10 funds in the amount of \$289 plus technical and administrative.

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

The Board will invite DNR staff to a future board meeting to discuss the items outlined in the denial letter.

2010/6-8 Motion by Voigt, seconded by Linder to amend cost-share contract CS10-1, increasing the “not to exceed amount” by \$2000 (\$9488 total on the basis of 75% of the original cost estimate of \$16500), utilizing \$1711 of FY09 and \$289 of FY10 funding and increasing technical and administrative services by \$500.

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

2010/6-9 Motion by Voigt, seconded by Linder to approve cost-share contract CS09-3 shoreland stabilization project, encumbering \$6000 of FY09 funding on the basis of 75% of the cost estimate of \$8000 with \$1500 encumbered for technical and administrative services.

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

District Computers:

2010/6-10 Motion by Voigt, seconded by Linder authorizing the coordinator to transition the District from the USDA network to the County network and replace the computers and software as needed.

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

Plat Book Update:

2010/6-11 Motion by Voigt, seconded by Linder authorizing the coordinator to purchase 20 plat books for use as review copies for data accuracy checks prior to printing a final version.

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

Upcoming Meetings/Training:

2010/6-12 Motion by Linder, seconded by Meyers authorizing

- **District Coordinator to attend the Water Summit in St Cloud July 12, 2010;**
- **District Technician to attend water quality training in Baudette.**

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

2010/6-13 Motion by Linder, seconded by Voigt to renew the annual Xerox service agreement for maintenance and supplies.

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

General Business:

Discussion included Commissioner Hanson's monthly activity report and various newsletter items.

Confirm Next Meeting Date:

Due to the 4th of July holiday observance, the next regular meeting of the Koochiching SWCD will be held on Tuesday, July 6, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the courthouse basement conference room.

Adjourn Meeting:

2010/6-14 Motion by Voigt, seconded by Meyers to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 pm.

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

Submitted by: _____
Board Secretary

_____ Date