

**KOOCHICHING SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
ANNUAL REORGANIZATIONAL BOARD MEETING
COURTHOUSE BASEMENT CONFERENCE ROOM
715 4TH STREET * INTERNATIONAL FALLS * MN * 56649
MONDAY, MARCH 1, 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; Kevin Adee

Chair Lewis called the meeting to order at 6:45 pm

2010/3-1 Motion by Uran, seconded by Voigt to approve the agenda.

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

2010/3-2 Motion by Voigt, seconded by Linder to approve minutes dated February 1, 2010.

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

2010/3-3 Motion by Uran, seconded by Linder to approve Accounts Payable in the amount of \$598.63 (details on file).

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

Supervisor Reports:

- Supervisor Voigt reported that, during his visit to the capitol, legislators were very interested in the beaver activity and suggested the District initiate talks with BWSR and ACOE this summer.
- Supervisor Linder reported that Beltrami SWCD recently laid off the district manager and is talking with the county on options for restructuring. Further discussion included the ISTS money and the bio baler tour.

2010/3-4 Motion by Uran, seconded by Meyers authorizing supervisors Linder and Voigt to attend the bio baler tour on 3/12/10

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

- Supervisor Lewis reported on the convention planning meeting in Bemidji.

District Coordinator Report:

Discussion included the 2010 annual plan, BWSR year end financial report, WCA, climatology, City of International Falls wetland management plan, and the website update.

District Technician Report:

Copy on file. Discussion included the wood ash program, wetland meetings, white cedar wetland assistance, tree program, MN forestry conference and the Rural Preserve Tax program.

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2010/3-5 Motion by Voigt, seconded by Uran to authorize staff to write DNR sponsored forest stewardship plans.

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

NRCS Report:

Discussion included the

- Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) sign ups have been completed;
- EQIP and WHIP sign ups finished – practices include 2 grazing, 2 forestry, and 1 seasonal high tunnel;
- there has been some interest in the grassland reserve program;
- job vacancy – the position may be re-advertised.

NEW BUSINESS:

2010 Operating Budget:

2010/3-6 Motion by Voigt, seconded by Uran to approve the 2010 operating budget as presented.

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

2010 Annual Plan:

2010/3-7 Motion by Uran, seconded by Linder to approve the 2010 Annual Plan as presented.

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

2010 Sport, Rec, and Home Show:

2010/3-8 Motion by Linder, seconded by Voigt to rent a single booth at the 2010 Sport, Rec, and Home Show April 16-17.

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

Upcoming Meetings/Training:

2010/3-9 Motion by Uran, seconded by Linder to approve the following:

- District Technician to the YSI training in Brainerd March 3rd;
- District Technician to the wetland delineation training in Littlefalls July 12-16;
- Staff and supervisors attendance at the Area 8 meeting in Bemidji March 19th;
- Staff and supervisors attendance at the LOW Water Quality Forum March 10-11 at RRCC

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

Staff Leave Requests:

2010/3-10 Motion by Voigt, seconded by Linder to approve the following staff leave request:

- District Technician: March 5, 12; April 14-16, 2010

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

Permits:

The Board reviewed and provided comment on DNR bridge reconstruction application 2010-0394 on Black River.

General Business:

Discussion included Commissioner Hanson's monthly activity report, MASWCD Tidbits newsletter, the approved wood ash contract, and various concerns with the BWSR wetland specialist.

2010/3-11 Motion by Voigt, seconded by Linder authorizing the coordinator to draft a letter to Ron Shelito explaining the District's concerns with the wetland specialist.

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, April 5, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. in the courthouse basement conference room.

Adjourn Meeting:

2010/3-12 Motion by Voigt, seconded by Meyers to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 pm.

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

Submitted by: _____
Board Secretary

_____ Date