

**KOOCHICHING SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
COURTHOUSE BASEMENT CONFERENCE ROOM  
715 4<sup>TH</sup> STREET \* INTERNATIONAL FALLS \* MN \* 56649  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2008**

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

**Also Present: Pam Tomevi, District Coordinator; Kelly Voigt, District Conservationist (phone); Kevin Adee, County Commissioner; Tom Morris, Assistant Land Commissioner**

Vice chair Linder called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm

**2008/9-1 Motion by Lewis, seconded by Promersberger to approve the agenda with additions.  
Voting yes: Lewis, Promersberger and Linder. Motion carried.**

**2008/9-2 Motion by Lewis, seconded by Promersberger to approve the minutes dated August 4, 2008 as presented.  
Voting yes: Lewis, Promersberger and Linder. Motion carried.**

**2008/9-3 Motion by Linder, seconded by Promersberger to approve for payment, Accounts Payable totaling \$2861.77  
Voting yes: Lewis, Promersberger and Linder. Motion carried.**

**Cost-Share: Project Certification for CS07-1**

The Board welcomed Tom Morris. Morris provided invoices and photos for the completed Ivan Crawford erosion control project and thanked the district for their very professional help, indicating that this was the second project that the district has assisted his department with and both times everything has gone very smooth. The coordinator reported that the additional costs for this project were reviewed and approved by the JPB engineer which is documented in the construction certification letter.

**2008/9-4 Motion by Lewis, seconded by Promersberger approving amendment 2008-1 to CS07-1 as follows:**

**IS AGREED THAT:**

**The increase in total project cost is reasonable as confirmed by the project engineer and is approved for cost share. Additional cost share funding is approved in the amount of \$3389 using FY09 funds which, combined with the previously approved \$6000 in FY07 funds, will bring the total cost share amount to \$9389 on the basis of 75% of the project total of \$12518.55.**

**Voting yes: Lewis, Promersberger and Linder. Motion carried.**

**2008/9-5 Motion by Lewis, seconded by Promersberger authorizing the vice chair to sign amendment 2008-1 and the Cost-Share Voucher & Practice Certification form and Authorize for Payment section on contract # CS07-1 and authorizing the payment of FY07 funds in the amount of \$ 6000 and FY09 funds in the amount of \$3389 for a total amount of \$9389 to Koochiching Lands and Forests for full**

payment on contract #CS07-1 on the basis of 75% of the total project cost of \$12518 and authorizing district use of \$1500 in FY07 and \$847 in FY09 state cost-share funds for technical and administrative assistance.

**Voting yes: Lewis, Promersberger and Linder. Motion carried.**

### **REPORTS:**

#### **Supervisor Reports:**

- Supervisor Promersberger reported that he did a site visit on the Thydean erosion control project and everything looked good.
- Supervisor Linder reported that he will attend the RC&D meeting next month in Tower.

#### **District Coordinator Report:**

Discussion included ordering a plaque for the 2008 Outstanding Forest Steward, status on interviews, SFIA, WCA, and the plasma gasification project.

#### **NRCS District Conservationist Report:**

The district conservationist provided a report via telephone including:

- Wetlands – 3 appeals are still pending
- A couple of Whistleblower complaints have been received
- The US Fish and Wildlife Service is looking at repairing a dam on private property in Northome
- Outreach efforts to high priority customers

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

#### **Area VIII Tour:**

**2008/9-6 Motion by Lewis, seconded by Promersberger to approve the final agenda for the Area VIII Fall Tour and Meeting September 11-12, 2008.**

**Voting yes: Lewis, Promersberger and Linder. Motion carried.**

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **Equipment:**

**2008/9-7 Motion by Lewis, seconded by Promersberger to approve the purchase of 3 flat panel computer monitors and one desk unit, not to exceed \$2500.**

**Voting yes: Lewis, Promersberger and Linder. Motion carried.**

#### **Upcoming Meetings and Training:**

**2008/9-8 Motion by Lewis, seconded by Promersberger authorizing district staff to attend the BWSR Academy of the North October 21-23 in Mille Lacs.**

**Voting yes: Lewis, Promersberger and Linder. Motion carried.**

#### **Permits:**

The Board reviewed permit 2009-0087 City of International Falls – Riprap.

#### **General Business:**

General business discussion included the FY09 BWSR general services/cost-share grant, North Central MN Joint Powers Board monthly activity reports, county board minutes, NACD eNotes, cost-share update on site inspections, resolution from Carlton SWCD, and the wetland grant from BWSR to the City of International Falls for \$30,000 of which \$5000 will be transferred to the district.

**2008/9-9 Motion by Lewis, seconded by Promersberger approving the FY09 BWSR grant.  
Voting yes: Lewis, Promersberger and Linder. Motion carried.**

**Confirm Next Meeting Date:**

The next regular meeting of the Koochiching SWCD will be held on Monday, October 6, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the courthouse basement conference room.

**Adjourn Meeting:**

**2008/9-10 Motion by Linder, seconded by Voigt to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 pm.  
Voting yes: Lewis, Promersberger and Linder. Motion carried.**

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

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