

**Koochiching County  
Consolidated Conservation Advisory Committee  
Birchdale Community Building  
Monday, May 03, 2010  
7:00 PM**

**Minutes**

**Attendance:** Commissioner Mike Hanson- Birchdale  
Denton Hasbargen - Birchdale  
Dennis Monrean - Birchdale  
Roland Haight -Baudette  
Patty Thielen – DNR Forester  
Winnie Hasbargen  
Commissioner Kevin Adee  
Gary Swenson - Birchdale  
Daniel Zimney - Baudette  
Etta Erickson - Baudette  
Soren Oleson – Birchdale

**Absent:** Ralph Lewis  
Eleanor Wilson  
Linda Lafky  
Alvin Hasbargen

Soren Oleson called the May 3, 2010 Consolidated Conservation Advisory Board meeting to order at 7:05 PM in the Birchdale Community Building.

**Introductions:** Introductions were made and an attendance sheet was passed around.

**2010 Administration Proposal:** Kallie Briggs presented her proposal and contract to the committee for administrative assistance. Because the committee meets only four times per year, they would like the contract to have a maximum dollar amount per meeting instead of per month. After some discussion the committee decided upon \$220 as a maximum amount per meeting which will include supplies, mileage, per diem and hourly rate for producing minutes, agendas and any other duties needed for meetings and organization.

**Motion/Second/Passed, Dennis Monrean/Denton Hasbargen to approve a contract with Your Office or Mine (Kallie Briggs) for administrative services with a \$220 maximum dollar amount per meeting.** Motion passed unanimously.

**Williams Township Hall Status:** Commissioner Hanson said there has been no change in the status. Because the school is the last one of one hundred schools of its type and time, Ed Orichbauer from the Historical Society will try to get it federally designated as a historical site. The building was used as a community building but has been closed for liability reasons.

**Highway 11 Discussion – County Road 4 Proposals:**

- Highway 11: Commissioner Hanson said there are some issues preventing Highway 11 from starting. Bids have not taken place because there are permitting issues with the Army Core of Engineers. Permit rules have changed and lengthened the design recommendations. The project has been delayed to June.
- County Road 4: County Road 4 may be used as a detour. River Valley Development wrote to the County Board asking for a new layer on county roads within the project. It has been recommended by the county engineer to repave the road from Frontier to Border

after the project is completed. There are state aid dollars available to do County Road 4 to the corner of the T at the substation in Birchdale.

**Frontier and Vidas Access Update:** Out of seventeen projects submitted to the DNR, four were awarded to Koochiching County; two of which are the Frontier and Vidas landings. The County Engineer designed the projects with input from Gary Swenson and the bids have been awarded to Bowman Construction. The cost will be \$102,475 for Frontier and \$95,970 for Vidas and will include a tarred road to the landings.

**Baker Bridge:** The application the County submitted to the State Bridge Account for the replacement of the bridge has been awarded. Folks living along County Road 18 will be asked to sell land and do whatever needs to be done for the bridge project. It will be a tarred, state aid road from the bridge to Witts.

**By-law Review/Committee Membership Discussion:**

- By-laws: There will be no change to the by-laws at this time but will be looked at again at the next Annual Meeting.
- Committee Membership: It was noted that some members are not attending the meetings. Even the Annual Meeting in September had low attendance. It is a concern for those who do attend the meetings and would like an ongoing discussion of how to get members to commit to attending the four meetings a year. It will be a topic of further discussion at the next meeting.

**Bowman Quarry Request:** Commissioner Hanson told the committee that Mr. Bowman has sent another request to the County Board for a rock quarry site on his land in Klemetson. He has been before the county board two times in the past and although Commissioner Hanson has not seen the proposal, he heard Mr. Bowman has altered it from his previous proposals. He has letters of support from companies and organization like the Koochiching Economic Development Authority. These companies and organizations supporting his request are looking at it from an economic point of view and know our county is in need of gravel. The County Board is also aware of the need for gravel in the county but do not want to force the quarry on anyone but may have to make that hard decision. Etta Erickson who has been against the quarry in the past said she is will not contest the proposal if certain conditions are met.

**Consolidated Conservation Web Presence:** Putting the approved minutes on the county's website was discussed. It would be an opportunity for folks within the county and out of state to read the minutes and know what the ConCon committee is doing. Kallie is able to forward the minutes, after they have been approved, to the county so they can be posted.

**Motion/Second/Passed, Daniel Zimney/Roland Hagt to approve posting the approved minutes on the county's website.** Motion Passed. Dennis Monrean opposed.

**Future Guests:** Commissioner Hanson will ask the Assistant Land Commissioner to attend our next meeting. Patty Thielen will give updates at each meeting and we will invite someone from the DNR to talk about ConCon lands.

**Other:**

- Frontier/Farmer Road: Denton Hasbargen said there is work to be done on the one-fourth mile of the Frontier/Farmer Road. It is in need of having the top 4-6 inches of gravel shaved off, fabric laid and then more gravel on top of that. The committee decided they would take \$1200, the cost of fixing the road, from the \$8000 dollars in the ditch maintenance funding account.
- DNR Update: Patty told the committee the DNR has been very busy with fires. In mid April they already had as many fires as they did all season last year. The rain has helped with the fire danger. She also said Dana Carlson has accepted a supervisor's position and will cover Warroad to North Dakota.

**Next Meeting:** The next scheduled meeting will be in Birchdale on June 28, 2010 at 7:00 PM.

**Adjourn:** Motion/Second/Passed, Dennis Monrean/Daniel Zimney to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 PM. Motion passed.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Your Office or Mine.