

**NORTHERN COUNTIES LAND USE COORDINATING BOARD**  
**Minutes**  
**December 5, 2011**  
**Hyatt Regency Hotel, Minneapolis, Minnesota**

Call to Order: The meeting of the Northern Counties Land Use Coordinating Board was called to order at 11:30 a.m. by Chair Commissioner Wade Pavleck with the following in attendance. (All actions of the Board were supported unanimously unless otherwise indicated.) This meeting represented a joint conference of NCLUCB and the Joint Powers Consolidated Conservation Natural Resource Board.

All Member Counties Present:

Commissioner Fritz Sobanja, Cook County  
Commissioner Brian McBride, Koochiching County  
Commissioner Wade Pavleck, Koochiching County  
Commissioner Rich Sve, Lake County  
Commissioner Todd Beckel, Lake of the Woods County  
Commissioner Don Jensen, Pennington County  
Commissioner Jack Swanson, Roseau County  
Commissioner Mike Forsman, St. Louis County  
Commissioner Steve Raukar, St. Louis County

Others Present:

Mike Hanson – Koochiching County– Con-Con Board – Co-chair  
Lori Dowling – Mn. Dept. of Natural Resources NW Regional Supervisor  
Bob Lessard – Mn. Dept. of Natural Resources  
Julie Blackburn – Mn. Board of Water Resources  
Quentin Fairbanks – Beltrami County – Con-Con Board  
Russell Walker – Roseau County – Con-Con Board  
Gary Kiesow – Marshall County – Con-Con Board  
Ken Moorman – Lake of the Woods – Con-Con Board  
Pat Henderson – Arrowhead Regional Development Commission  
Dan Larson – Mn. Rural Counties Caucus Administrator  
Leon Olson – Kittson County  
John Anderson – Kittson County  
Carol Pavleck – Koochiching County  
Rick Goutermont – Lake County – Northern Counties  
David Geroy – Mahnomen County  
Jerry Dahl – Mahnomen County – Con-Con Board  
Tom Landwehr – Commissioner Mn. Dept. of Natural Resources

Administrative Actions:

1. Approval of Agenda

m. Sve s. Fairbanks

2. Approval of Minutes: October 6, 2011 at Dora Lake, MN

m. Napstad s. McBride

3-4. Financial Report and Bills:

The Director reviewed the income and expenditures sheets reflecting a general account balance of \$102,626.53 and a Land Use Conflict Management balance of \$15,005.28. The total accounts balance, after payment of approved expenses of \$621.62, was \$117,631.81.

m. Raukar s. Swanson

Bills: Administrative expenses for Douglas Skrief at \$633.16 for two months.

m. Napstad s. Forman

Correspondence: Correspondence of invitation to Commissioner Landwehr.

ISSUES OF DISCUSSION

1. Beaver issues/ticketing of unpermitted County trappers/ County Attorney dropping charges/DNR Beaver Summit in February or March
2. County forest management –
  - a. The legality of intermediate auctions vs. regular auctions/statutory issues?/is State legislation needed?/
  - b. DNR advertising for new Minnesota Director of Forestry/
  - c. DNR will undergo review of State timber policies
3. Land management issues –
  - a. Roseau County land exchange w/State of Minnesota/
  - b. Payments-in-lieu of Taxes (Legislative report due Dec. 2013 – County Commissioners named to State review committee)/
  - c. Minnesota Ditch Benefits (State undertaking benefit study - non-payments by State since 1992)
  - d. Pavleck Koochiching County and Sobanja Cook County appointed to Mn. Forests for the Future
4. Wetland mitigation (issues w/U.S. Army Corp of Engineers – public value of mitigation ? –are they mitigated where they are needed the most ?– (BWSR meeting w/US Army Corp of Engineers – more flexibility needed for administration –have recently met w/members of Mn. Legislative Agriculture and Environmental Committees talking unintended consequences)
5. All terrain vehicle review – engaging phase II of DNR policies/designations
6. Federal delisting of Timber Wolf (decision will be announced in December or January)

Adjournment at 1:33 p.m.

**Next meeting January 5, 2012, 9:30 a.m. Chisholm**

**Potential Agenda Items:**

1. Beaver removal – invite Minnesota Trappers Association representatives
2. County timber auction discussions – intermediate vs. regular auction sales
3. Set meeting dates for joint committee meetings (schedule joint meeting during Association of Minnesota Counties March 21/22 Legislative conference & discuss who sets up and delegate meeting duties)

Minutes assembled from notes taken by Comm. Hanson