



**DISTRICT MEETING**  
**Tuesday, March 9, 2010**  
**USDA Service Center, Presque Isle**  
**MINUTES**

**Supervisors Present:** Leigh Morrow, Bruce Wilkins, George Howe, Brian Edgecomb.

**Associate Supervisors Present:** Mike Bragdon, Larry Park, Gary Belyea, Jon Durepo, Steve Sutter.

**Absent:** Ray Harris, Bruce Roope, Dotty Dudley, Tim Scott, Brent Flewelling.

**Staff:** Linda Alverson.

**Others:** Joe Weber.

**Minutes for January 19, 2010:** *The minutes were approved with a motion from Bruce Wilkins and second from Gary Belyea.*

**Treasurer's Report:** *approved after a motion from Steve Sutter and second Gary Belyea*

*The Key Bank CD for approximately \$82,000 should be rolled over for a short period of time due to low interest rates.*

**NRCS Report: Joe Weber.** The Presque Isle Field office has had one Conservation Stewardship application awarded in January. EQIP applications were ranked with cost estimates totaling \$506,075. Of these, 13 applications were selected for funding with an allocation of \$250,120. Of seven applications processed for EQIP Irrigation Special Initiative, five were selected for funding totaling \$917,492. One application out of eleven was selected for funding for the High Tunnel program.

**Executive Director Search:** Leigh updated the board on the executive director search. The Search Committee reviewed the 12 applications and selected 3 individuals to interview. The interviews will take place on March 18.

**Northern Maine Ag-Trade Show:** The three Aroostook County Districts are combining efforts for a booth at the Ag-Trade Show. The Show will be held on March 26-28. Our booth will feature the no-till seeder and advertize the no-till workshop to be held in May. Linda, Leigh, Gary, Larry and George have offered to help during the show. Linda will make up a schedule in coordination with the other Districts.

**NRCS proposal for a Natural Resource Assessment to be coordinated by Districts.** A copy of the proposal was given to Board members. *On a motion by George Howe and second from Steve Sutter the board voted to contact Tom Gordon proposing that MACD accept the offer and that MACD come up with an action plan to accomplish the objectives of the plan.*

**Supplemental Environmental Funding from MeDEP** – DEP has offered to provide \$3600 in funding to the District to help with the Prestile Project. This funding will enable us to hire the new E.D. to overlap three weeks of Linda's time. The funding will also help purchase water testing equipment.

**Christina Watershed Improvement Proposal:** The District is submitting a proposal to use excess 2009 EPA-319 Funding in the Christina Watershed. Joe Weber met with three

landowners to review improvements identified in the watershed survey. Joe worked up preliminary designs and cost estimates. The three landowners have agreed to participate. We are waiting for approval from DEP for this project.

**Presque Isle By-Pass:** Steve Sutter reviewed the status of the Presque Isle By-Pass and urges interested Bard members to participate in the discussions and meetings.

**MACD employee Meeting:** Linda attended the spring employees meeting. The employees are proposing changing the election rules to make the process easier and less costly. These changes will be presented at the Summer MACD meeting for approval. The summer meeting will be held August 8 – 11 in conjunction with the Northeast SWCD meeting in Portland.