

# Allen County

## Conservation District

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### Minutes for July 1, 2008 Board Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 am in the Iola Service Center at 202 W Miller Rd, Iola, KS 66749 by Craig Mentzer, supervisor.

#### Also Present:

DeWayne Jarred, Vice-Chairman  
Donna Beebe, Member  
Kelli Kramer, District Manager  
Matt Powe, District Conservationist  
Barbara Chalker, guest

#### Approval of minute of previous meeting:

A motion was made by DeWayne and seconded by Donna to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

#### Treasurer's Report

Fund	Expenses	Balance
Operations	\$2344.24	\$8482.14
Enterprise	\$420.50	\$8340.32
Petty Cash	\$8.92	\$0.00

A motion was made by DeWayne and seconded by Donna to accept the report as written and to pay the bills. The motion passed unanimously.

#### Communications

- 6/03/08 NACD Newsletter
- 6/04/08 KPERS changes for 2009 – does not affect us
- 6/05/08 Kansas Humanities Council newsletter
- 6/05/08 NACD Forestry Notes
- 6/06/08 Area 5 meeting will be August 13 here in Iola – board members are welcome
- 6/16/08 Adding pond fencing as its own component
- 6/17/08 Kansas Historical Society newsletter
- 6/18/08 Explanation of Residue Management and Prescribed Grazing components
- 6/19/08 Marais des Cynges Livestock Grant program is looking for applications
- 6/23/08 All Septic and abandoned water well plugging contracts expire on June 30. We had one water well plugging that did not get completed.
- 6/23/08 Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education publication available
- 6/24/08 Sericea Lespedeza pest management now has a fall and spring spraying component
- 6/25/08 Two districts have district manager positions open, Cowley and Pawnee counties
- 6/25/08 Mileage rates have gone up to 58.5 cents a mile starting July 1
- 6/26/08 The KACD is looking for contribution to help pay for a booth at the state fair. Also looking for volunteers to help work the booth.

Matt's NRCS report is attached

#### District Report – Kelli Kramer

- I attended the Neosho WRAPS meeting on June 11. A presentation was made over water quality and quantity on the river. We should be ready to go to the next level on WRAPS project.
- Craig and I met with county commissioners on June 17. We gave our budget proposal.
- Took applications for cost-share. We have 13 completed and ranked applications, I have a few more that I am waiting for.
- Mailed out Cropland Field Management Records for NRCS
- Worked on Woodson County Tract Folders

Important Dates

- July 4 – Independence Day – office closed
- July 18-20 Four State Farm Show
- July 23 – No-Till Tour Garnett, KS

New Business

1. We received back our audit from Schlotterbeck and Burns. No major problems. A few minor ones.  
*I reviewed the audit with the board, and I will submit a copy to the state.*
2. The Operations portion of the Operations account is out of money. We need to transfer money from a different account.  
*There was motion by DeWayne and a second by Donna to transfer \$3000 from the savings account into the operations account if we do not receive a funding check this month. The motion passed unanimously.*
3. Do we want to increase cost-share rates on any of our practices? Bills showed we were not too far off in 2008.  
*It was decided not to increase cost-share rates for this upcoming year, but one board member abstained from voting due to his position as a contractor.*
4. We still have one landowner who has not paid for grass drilling. We need to establish a policy if we do not receive payment.  
*The board decided that if payment has not been made in 30 days for grass drilling, then there will be a \$25 penalty along with a 2% per month interest payment. The motion was made by DeWayne and seconded by Donna. Motion passed.*
5. We need to decide on an annual meeting location.  
*The board has no preference, and Kelli was instructed to find a list of potential locations.*
6. Barbara Chalker attended the meeting and informed the board that because of conflict of interest she will not be able to serve on the RC&D board. She did give us the name of someone who could possibly do the work though.

MINUTES APPROVED

\_\_\_\_\_ CHAIRMAN \_\_\_\_\_ Date

\_\_\_\_\_ DISTRICT MANAGER \_\_\_\_\_ Date