

Allen County

Conservation District

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Minutes for June 3, 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
Ryan Garrett, Treasurer
Donna Beebe, Member
Kelli Kramer, District Manager
Matt Powe, District Conservationist

Approval of minute of previous meeting:

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

Treasurer's Report

Fund	Expenses	Balance
Operations	\$2105.55	\$10587.70
Enterprise	\$6694.77	\$12075.91
Petty Cash	\$0.00	\$8.92
Buffer	\$0.00	\$4186.48

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

- May 14 – We will be receiving \$2532 in NPS funds for the NPS account in Operations
- May 14 – We will receive buffer coordinator funding in FY2009, and there is some training coming up. Since we don't have one, can Kelli attend the training? June 12, 9:00-?
It was ok'd for Kelli to attend the meeting so long as it would not mess with the running of the office.
- May 14 – Extend all FY2007 contracts until Dec 15, 2008, Cancel all OSW and AWP contracts on June 30, and encumber all other FY2008 contracts until June 30, 2009.
- May 15 – Neosho WRPAS meeting will be June 11 at Ken's Pizza at 4:00 pm.
- May 20 – The KPERS match for next year will be 6.54% (this year it is 5.54%)
- Spring issue of National Woodlands magazine
- May 21 – Franklin County Conservation District newsletter
- May 23 – All FY2009 revisions have been made to the Programs Manual.
- May 27 – Received copy of Jeff Sellman's insurance
- May 27 – Memorandum of Agreement for Collaboration... from Marais des Cygnes WRAPS
Need to sign and return, just means that the funds are available for the county

Matt's NRCS report is attached

District Report – Kelli Kramer

- I worked at Envirothon in Burlington on May 7. Two of the teams I help with won 1st and 2nd place.
- Attended Allen County Farm Bureau Meeting on May 19
- Sent reminder letters to OSW and AWP contract holders on cancellation of funds on June 30
- I finished the web-site.
- Jeff was able to drill all but two contracts, each was received in the extended sign-up period.
- I am going to be putting together a newsletter.

Important Dates

- All of June – cost share sign up
- June 7 – Wilson County Wildflower Tour
- June 21 – Bourbon Co. Woman’s Tour
- July 1 – FY 2009
- July 1 – Next Board Meeting

New Business

-I was contacted by Troy Kreazel of the SeeKan RC&D, and he has someone from Iola who would like the serve on the RC&D board, and since we have an opening, he wanted to know if she could represent us. It’s Barbara Chalker from the office of Rural Opportunity. Her position has nothing to do with agriculture, she works with city revitalization, but she is an Allen County resident, and her position would benefit the board. If we appoint her, pay for fuel?

It was decided to invite Barbara Chalker to our next board meeting to discuss her qualifications.

-The website is ready for publication. Prices:

Kansas ISP, here in Iola. \$14.95/mo (\$179.40/year), everything included.

Advantage Computers - \$240 / year and \$400 initial set up, \$60 to configure it

It was decided to go with Kansas ISP with a motion by Ryan and a second by Donna. We will publish the website with them, and if it does not work out, then we will go with Advantage Computers.

FY2009

-The county limit on projects will be set up in the following manner. There will be an initial sign up period where the limit is \$3000. If there are extra funds as of November 1, then left over money will be divided up among contracts based on ranking, not going over the limit of \$5000. The motion was made by DeWayne and seconded by Donna to set up cost share in this manner. The motion was passed unanimously.

-The decision was made to add the following practices to our list of available practices: Residue Management – No-Till, Windbreak/shelterbelt Establishment (Includes farmstead windbreak), Prescribed Grazing, Closure of Waste Impoundments (closure of abandoned facility), Composting Facility (a containment facility to protect water quality), and Animal Mortality Facility (a containment facility to protect water quality. The motion was made by DeWayne and seconded by Ryan. The motion passed unanimously.

-The budget was discussed and it was decided to visit with the county commissioners on June 10. We will be asking for a raise in \$5000 to our yearly budget, making it the maximum that will be matched by the state. We will present a document to the commissioners so they know what the district has done with the funds we received this past year.

-The ranking application was reviewed, and it was decided to remove the portion of the ranking worksheet regarding the basin plan because we are not in an area affected by a basin plan. The motion was made by Ryan and seconded by Donna. The motion passed unanimously.

-The next meeting will be on July 1, 2008 at 7:30 am at the Iola Service Center.

MINUTES APPROVED

_____	CHAIRMAN	_____	Date
_____	DISTRICT MANAGER	_____	Date