

Minutes for June 2, 2009 Board Meeting

1. A regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:30 am at the Iola Service Center by Craig Mentzer, Chairman with a quorum present.

Supervisors Present: DeWayne Jarred, Vice-Chairman, Donna Beebe, Member, Juanita Tolle, Member

Supervisors Absent: Ryan Garrett, Treasurer

Others Present: Kelli Kramer, District Manager, Matt Powe, NRCS SDC

2. Additions to the Agenda:

- a. The treasurer was absent at this meeting, so Juanita Tolle was appointed pro-tem treasurer. The motion was made by Donna and seconded by DeWayne. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Minutes of the Previous Regular Meeting:

Motion by Donna and seconded by DeWayne to accept the minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously. Mentzer signed the minutes.

4. Treasurer's Report (see attached):

The motion was made by Juanita and seconded by Donna to accept the treasurer's report as written and to pay the bills. It was seconded by Donna. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Correspondence Received:

The following correspondence was reviewed by the supervisors as presented by Kramer:

- a. 05/02/2009 KPERS KPERS Deferred Compensation Plan Fund Changes
- b. 05/05/2009 SCC KOMA and KORA Training is being offered
- c. 05/06/2009 NACD Weekly E-Notes
- d. 05/07/2009 LE County Newsletter from Lane County
- e. 05/07/2009 MI County Dist Mgr is working on a Conservation Education Cookbook
- f. 05/07/2009 KS SARE Native Plant ID Training in Manhattan on May 28
- g. 05/07/2009 KACD-EO Looking for ideas for the EO Meeting at Annual Convention
- h. 05/07/2009 NRCS LincPass update for partners
- i. 05/08/2009 SCC Flyer on Kansas Green Schools (forwarded to school districts)
- j. 05/12/2009 SCC Actions taken at May 11 SCC meeting (see new business)
- k. 05/12/2009 KACD May issue of KACD Connection is available (it's in your book)
- l. 05/13/2009 BFM Ins. Jeff Sellman's insurance statement
- m. 05/13/2009 KPERS KPERS contribution rate for 2010 (6.14%, up .5% from last yr)
- n. 05/15/2009 FR County Discontinuing sponsorship of MdC Wraps Livestock Grant
- o. 05/18/2009 CL County Wildflower tour on June 13
- p. 05/19/2009 SCC FY 2009 AWP and OSW contracts expire June 20
- q. 05/19/2009 KACD 5 year strategic plan has been approved
- r. 05/19/2009 SCC I will read this memo
- s. 05/21/2009 SCC LEEP funds have been reduced
- t. 05/22/2009 FR County Newsletter
- u. 05/22/2009 SCC Stream Assessment Workshop has scholarships available
- v. 05/22/2009 SCC WRAPS mini-grants are available
- w. 05/26/2009 MI County Looking for donation and scholarships are available
- x. 05/26/2009 SCC CD Directory Updates
- y. 05/26/2009 SCC Policy revision memo and program revisions for FY2010
- z. 05/26/2009 SCC FY2010 allocation is now available (see new business)
- aa. 05/27/2009 BFM Ins. Jeff Sellman's insurance
- bb. 05/27/2009 SCC Info from IRS on Income Tax Withholding
- cc. 05/27/2009 NACD Weekly E-Notes
- dd. 05/29/2009 SCC Omnibus bill has passed, state aid to districts is final

7. NRCS Report:

Matt passed out his report and discussed the grassland reserve program.

8. Review Conservation Plans prepared by NRCS:

None

9. State Cost Share Report Update:

FYI – all outstanding contracts (except OSW and AWP) will be encumbered until June of 2010

a. Water Resources Cost-Share Report

Two contracts have been completed and paid.

b. Non-Point Source Pollution Control Program

Onsite Wastewater and AWP contracts will expire on June 20. We have two outstanding OSW contracts, one is completed, the other isn't started yet.

10. Conservation District Staff Reports:

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i. I updated the website with pictures from Earth Day. I attended a WRAPS meeting on May 19, and we still have made no progress on funding in the county.

ii. KAWS will be hosting a streambank stabilization field day in Iola on July 16. We offered to pay for the meal, and I am in charge of finding a location to hold the classroom portion of the meeting. This field day is in conjunction with the WRAPS.

b. Buffer Coordinator (attached – comments/questions)

11. Unfinished Business:

a. The tour for the county commissioners has been scaled down to a PowerPoint presentation. This is due to the weather conditions clearing up and most producers getting crops planted. There is not much conservation work being completed at this point. We will now take the commissioners on a Bankers Tour in the fall.

12. New Business:

a. Cost Share FY2010

i. Practices and Components:

Remove: Livestock Waste Management, Abandoned Waterwell Plugging, Prescribed Grazing, No-Till Incentive, All Riparian Practices (from the RAP project type)

Change: All plantings (range, pasture and hayland planting, etc) to combined components instead of each individual component. Set rate based on prices as of May 2009.

Add: Elimination of Abandoned Onsite Wastewater Facilities, Alternative water supplies such as pumping plants and spring development, riparian forest buffer for sediment control, different types of watering facilities besides concrete waterers.

The motion was made by DeWayne and seconded by Donna to not remove any programs, and to advertise the programs offered in the remove category. Also, we are going to make the changes and add the practices discussed above. The motion passed unanimously.

ii. Cost-Share Rates (these need reviewed based on current costs/new practices):

Practice:	What we currently cost-share on	Cost as per 05/09
Terraces (per linear foot)	\$.55	\$.85
Waterways (per acre)	\$1029.25	\$1250.00
Ponds (per cubic yard)	\$1.52	\$1.45 or \$120/hour
Complete Seeding (includes seedbed prep, fertilizer, seed mix, and seeding)	\$52/acre on seed, \$17.60 on seedbed prep, \$17.25 on seeding, fertilizer is by the pound	\$82 w/out fertilizer (\$55/ac on native grass seed, \$21/ac on planting, \$9/ac on tillage)

The motion was made by Juanita and seconded by Donna to change current rates to the rates above. All other rates are going to stay the same. The motion passed unanimously. DeWayne abstained from voting on this area because of his job as a contractor.

iii. Landowner Limits:

Water Resources Allocation - \$18977.00 (this is about \$1000 less than last year)

Non-Point Source Allocation - \$14962.00 (this is about \$1000 less than last year)

We currently have a \$3000 limit per landowner per fund.

The motion was made by DeWayne and seconded by Donna to leave the landowner limit at the current level. The motion passed unanimously.

iv. Ranking Worksheet(see attached)

The motion was made by Donna and seconded by Juanita to leave the ranking worksheet the same as for the previous year. The motion passed unanimously.

v. Sign-up period: we need to designate a sign-up for cost share. June 3-July 2, with ranking taking place on July 6. We would then be able to approve the contracts at the July 7 meeting. We would then take applications on a first come first serve basis until the funds have been depleted.

The motion was made by DeWayne and seconded by Donna to set the sign up period as stated above. The motion passed unanimously.

b. The budget for next year is in your folder. We have a \$452 reduction in state aid due to the budget concerns. I have increased the benefits because of the increase in the cost of health insurance and KPERS is going to up 1% next year as well. I have also made a "funding justification" to present to the county commissioners when we present the budget.

We reviewed the budget and the changes listed. The motion was made by DeWayne and seconded by Donna to present the budget as written to the county commissioners as soon as an appointment is available. The motion passed unanimously.

c. Jeff Sellman was unable to complete the drillings this year due to the engine going out of this tractor. I found out about this on Friday May 22, when the cut off date was to be May 29 with rain scheduled all weekend and most of the next week. I told him that I was going to try to find someone else to finish the drilling due to the time constraints. He suggested David Tidd. I called Drennon Tolle first, he was still planting, so I then called David Tidd. He was very willing to jump right in and get done what he could over the weekend.

He was able to seed 74.2 acres all over the county. We had one field that was too wet for the second year in a row. He did blow a tire, and I told him that I would take to the board about covering the cost; he did us a big favor.

Jeff Sellman came in on Thursday May 28 and officially resigned as drill operator. He told me that he just won't have time to do it this fall. I asked David what he thought if we would offer him the job in the fall, and he would have to think about it. This was before Jeff resigned.

Using the drill, we were able to plant 365.2 acres, making the district a total of \$2386.80 for the season.

The board decided to see if David receives a bill and to see if he is interested in drilling in the fall. Formal action will be taken when we see what David wants to do.

13. Agenda Items for next meeting:

a. My two year anniversary is June 4. We will do an evaluation.

14. **Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 9:30.

15. **Next Meeting:** Tuesday, June 2, 7:30 a.m.