

Minutes for October 7, 2008 Board Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm in the Iola Service Center at 202 W Miller Rd, Iola, KS 66749 by Craig Mentzer, supervisor.

Also Present:

Donna Beebe, Member

Juanita Tolle, Member

Kelli Kramer, District Manager

Matt Powe, District Conservationist

Bill Schoenberger, Buffer Coordinator

Approval of minutes of previous meeting:

A motion was made by Juanita and seconded by Donna to approve the minutes of the Sept 2 meeting with corrections. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Fund	Expenses	Balance
Operations	\$2977.64	\$26723.57
Enterprise	\$1864.70	\$9448.42
Petty Cash	\$0.00	\$0.00
The report was accepted as written and filed for audit.		

Communications

1. Linn County Conservation District Newsletter
2. No Child Left Inside Act is to be voted on. Kelli wrote a letter to Kansas government officials.
3. Insurance Coverage Information on Jeff Sellman.
4. Forestry Notes from NACD
5. There is a new State Forester who was/is looking for space for the Area Forester. Our office is a possibility.
6. Stafford County Conservation District is presenting a resolution to start paying cost-share on pumping plants as a water quality concern.
7. Feyh Farm Seed is willing to sponsor a conservation award for our county if we have any new ones.
8. Newsletter from the Kansas Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom.
9. Clark County Conservation District is presenting a Resolution to pay cost-share on solar pumping systems for existing livestock wells.
10. Gary Mast, the Under Secretary of Natural Resources and Environment with the US Dept. of Ag will be the keynote speaker at the KACD Convention.
11. KACD Auxiliary is seeking nominations for District Manager/Secretary who do a good job of promoting conservation practices and principles within their districts.
12. There is a statewide Grassland Award if there is anyone in the county to nominate. I shared the information with NRCS.
13. I need to update SCIMS on supervisors who have passed away.
14. Notice of cancellation of insurance policy on Jeff Sellman.
15. International Erosion Control Association is having it's convention in February 9-13, 2009.
16. The Marais des Cynges WRAPS is trying to get together a Project Wet/Wild training for teachers.
17. Signs are available from Sharp Brothers for local Grassland Award Winners.
18. Letter from Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks about the Walk-In Hunting Access Program.

Matt's NRCS report is attached

Bill's Buffer Report is attached

Conservation/Modifications signed: No plans to be signed this month.

District Report – Kelli Kramer

1. I attended a WRAPS meeting on September 16. Our WRAPS is now in the planning phase. I also completed an informational brochure to pass out at meetings, etc.
2. The website is up and running! We are officially <http://www.allencountyconservationdistrict.com!>
3. Jeff Sellman was able to get 128.6 acres of brome planted. While in the process, the drive shaft on the native grass portion of the drill started coming off, but it has been fixed under warranty. We have one contract yet to fill. Perry Allen has sold his drill, so we are now the only ones in Allen County that do drilling.
4. I will be putting together a fall newsletter to be sent out this month. I am going to make it a special "NPS" edition. I will include information on onsite wastewater system maintenance, and fencing of ponds and streams.

Important Dates

- October 13 – Columbus Day, Office Closed
- October 15 – WRAPS Meeting, Greenery 7:30 a.m.

New Business

1. The Cooperative Agreement for the district to be paid for work on EQIP contracts is up for review. Do we want to continue the agreement?
The board decided to continue the agreement and to sign the agreement. The motion was made by Donna and seconded by Juanita. The motion passed unanimously.
2. We received the contract for continuing the NPS agreement with the state. Do we want to continue the agreement?
The board decided to continue the agreement and to sign and return the contract. The motion was made by Juanita and seconded by Donna. The motion passed unanimously.
3. With the WRAPS project entering the next phase, they are looking for areas that need to be focused on in the county. My suggestions include No-Till/Strip-Till, streambank stabilization, and planting of buffers on the river. Any other suggestions?
The board decided to suggest these ideas and to fully support any demonstration project that the stakeholder groups comes up with.
4. The tarp on the four wheeler is coming apart. It needs to be replaced. Can we replace the tarp?
Juanita made the motion to replace the tarp on the four wheeler, and Donna seconded it. The board believe that the current tarp was made by Heigle's repair shop, so we will take it there and see if it can be done. The motion passed unanimously.
5. We received an invoice from No-Till on the Plains for \$460 to cover meal expenses. I contacted other districts and Coffey, Bourbon, and Linn counties all received invoices. I understood that a grant was awarded to cover all costs, as was Linn and Bourbon County. Only Coffey county expected a bill, but not for that amount. They only pledged \$250. So the other counties agreed to get an itemized list of expenses from No-Till on the Plains before any action would be taken to find out what grant money was awarded. Do we want to do the same thing or just pay the bill?
The board decided to wait to pay the invoice until we can figure out where the grant promised was used. This will be revisited at the next meeting. The motion to wait was made by Juanita and seconded by Donna. It passed unanimously.
6. We need to pick a date for the Annual Meeting. It can be any day in January or February. It does not necessarily have to be a weekend day.
The board instructed Kelli to find a date that will work with the high school, and to schedule the meeting accordingly on a Tuesday or Thursday evening.

The next meeting will take place Tuesday, November 4, 2008 at 7:30 a.m.

MINUTES APPROVED

_____ CHAIRMAN _____ Date

_____ DISTRICT MANAGER _____ Date