

# ALLEN COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD MINUTES

202 W. MILLER RD., IOLA, KANSAS

April 4, 2006

1. Meeting was called to order by Chairman, Craig Mentzer, at 7:45 PM, and held in the USDA Service Building, Iola, Kansas, 66749.
2. ALSO PRESENT:  
DeWayne Jarred, Vice-Chairman, **Not Present**  
Matt Loomis, Treasurer, **Present**  
Allen Terrell, Member, **Present**  
Ryan Garrett, Member, **Present**  
Ann C. Houk, District Manager, **Present**  
Matthew T. Powe, District Conservationist, NRCS, **Present**  
William M. Gilliam, Assistant State Conservationist, NRCS, **Present**
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:  
A motion was made Matt and seconded by Ryan to approve minutes as sent out and to approve the additional sheet that included the Bank name and who can sign checks for the District. Motion carried.
4. TREASURER'S REPORT:  
Expenses for Buffer Account \$132.81, Non-Point Source \$15.20, Operations Account \$4,084.34, and Enterprise Account \$4639.78. A motion was made by Allen to accept the Treasurer Report and pay the bills due. Motion seconded by Ryan. Motion carried.
5. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:
  - A. Jeff Hansen, President of Kansas Native Plant Society, encourages awareness and appreciation of the native plants of Kansas in their habitats.
  - B. State Conservation Commission – Bridge replacement in Allen County, if we have any comments need to contact SCC (2).
  - C. State Conservation Commission – Minutes of their meeting of February 13, will have another meeting this month.
  - D. KDHE – Conference on recycling, composting, and Household Hazardous Waste – March 28 – 30 (this conference has been completed).
  - E. Contracts from Hutinett, Schlotterbeck and Burns in performing Agreed- Upon Procedures on our financial statements for year ending 12-31-2005. They will be charging \$500.00 to do the audit.
  - F. State Conservation Commission – Cancellation of Uncommitted Funds for 2006, will be begin on April 1.
  - G. State Conservation Commission – Supervisors during the Workshops raised concerns that additional technical assistance is needed to address state programs implementation needs.
  - H. KDHE – Conducted over 600 recreational uses attainability analyses (UAAs) in 2004 for the purpose of assigning the appropriate designed use on rivers basins in Kansas.
  - I. Delange Seed –Updated price list for the native grasses, introduced grasses, legumes, & forbs.

- J. NACD Membership payment receipt for 2006.
- K. Soil and Water Conservation Society – Managing Agricultural Landscapes for environmental quality – October 11-13, 2006, Westin Crown Center Hotel, Kansas City, Missouri.
- L. Soil & Water Conservation Society – Preliminary Program, July 22-26, Keystone, Colorado.
- M. Marais des Cygnes Basin – This basin has \$150,000.00 in EPA 319 grant funds. WRAP grant process is to develop a ranking format to determine distribution of funds for projects. Would like to have representative to come to planning meeting at the Ottawa Field Office Conference Room Tuesday beginning at 1:00 PM.

6. NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE REPORT:  
See attached is Matt's NRCS Conservation report

7. CONSERVATION DISTRICT REPORT:

8. NPS POLLUTION REPORT:  
Haven't heard from any of the people who have NPS contracts. Need to see about contacting them again.

9. OTHER REPORTS:

10. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF CONSERVATION PLANS:

EQIP plans – for signatures  
 Aron Coltrane 111.3 Ac  
 Dan Willis 63.7 Ac  
 Gary Coltrane 512.3 Ac  
 John Kramer 141.3 Ac  
 Pat Howerton and others 40.1 Ac

11. DISTRICT PROGRAM:

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

13. NEW BUSINESS:  
 Board meeting was held after we had had pizza supper with Steve Kipp retiring supervisor. The supervisors had voted at the last meeting to give Steve a clock with the District emblem on it. Ann thought that the clock was ordered, but the order had been made on the computer and it wasn't completed as should have been so NACD didn't send the clock in time to give to Steve at the supper.

The sealed bid for the old level was opened – Only had 1 bid and it was for \$200.00 which was from Hofer & Hofer & Associated, Inc. A motion was made by Allen to accept their bid of \$200.00, and this was seconded by Ryan. Motion carried. They will be notified that their bid was taken and they can pick up the level any time.

Cost-share averages were reviewed and that a decision would be made at the next meeting as to what cost-share levels the District would be using. Costs from contractors to farmers for work done have gone up a lot, because of fuel prices.

Bill Gilliam gave a report to supervisors. He plans to visit all districts this year.

This meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM and the May meeting will begin at 8:00 PM, on May 2, 2006.

MINUTES APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

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CHAIRMAN

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DISTRICT MANAGER