

# ALLEN COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD MINUTES

202 W. MILLER RD., IOLA, KANSAS

April 3, 2007

1. Meeting was called to order by Chairman, Craig Mentzer, at 7:30 PM, and was held in the USDA Service Center Building, Iola, Kansas, 66749.
2. **ALSO PRESENT:**  
Craig W. Mentzer, Chairman, **Present**  
DeWayne Jarred, Vice-Chairman, **Present**  
Matt Loomis, Treasurer, Resigned  
Allen Terrell, Member, Not Present  
Ryan Garrett, Member, **Present**  
Ann C. Houk, District Manager, **Present**  
Matthew T. Powe, District Conservationist, NRCS, **Present**
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:  
A motion was made by DeWayne and seconded by Ryan to approve minutes of March 13, 2007 as sent out to each Supervisor. Motion carried.
4. TREASURER'S REPORT:  
The Treasurer Report – Expenses for Operations Account \$3120.76, Enterprise Account \$3630.53, Non-Point Source Account \$11.12, Buffer Account \$180.84. A motion was made by DeWayne to approve the Treasurer Report and pay the bills that needs to be paid. This motion was seconded by Ryan. Motion carried.
5. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:
  - A. HB – 2048 update – March 14, 2007 was amended and passed favorably out of Senate Ag. Committee, the amendment that was added would delay the increase of funding till fiscal year 2008.
  - B. Cathy Greene, State Conservation Commission – City of Iola – Installation of a new outfall pipe in an existing wastewater lagoon system in and across Neosho River – If we have any comments about this need to send letter to Topeka.
  - C. Pat Lehman – KACD Executive Director – More information on the HB-2048 increasing State Conservation Commission budget passed in the Senate 40-0, On March 20, 2007, for FY 2008. The bill will go back to the House to either concur with the language or appoint a conference committee to discuss the changes then to the Governor for signature. (March 21, 2007)
  - D. Dee Turner, Conservation District Program Coordinator, SCC, district personnel changes.
  - E. State Conservation Commission – launches a new Website, [www.scc.ks.gov](http://www.scc.ks.gov).
  - F. Pat Lehman – (March 23) House Ag. & Natural Resources Concur with the Senate changes to HB-2048 Aid to Conservation Districts passed 123-0. The bill went the governor for signature.
  - G. Matt Powe, Beginner Customer Service Toolkit Training for Conservation District Employees, scheduled for April 18-19 at Emporia, beginning at 9:30-2:30 each day. Dan is going to take this training.

- H. Mark Heim, State Conservation Commission – Early FY 2007 Cost-Share cancellation. Instead of taking what funds we had on April 1, the SCC cancelled the funds on March 26, 2007, four days early. Amounts taken were WR General \$2698.12, MDC \$677.92, Non-Point Source General \$542.32, MDC \$8.63, Neosho \$183.00.
  - I. Kari Harris – Quarterly meeting of the Marais des Cygnes WRAPS Grant Livestock Project on Friday, April 6, for new applications.
  - J. Karen Churchman, NRCS State Officer, and the contract for NRCS paying for help with the EQIP program was cancelled December 12, but became effective again April 2, DC'S can make requests for clerical assistance through this agreement. We have our contracts completed so don't need to ask for help.
6. NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE REPORT:  
See attached is Matt Powe's NRCS conservation report.
  7. CONSERVATION DISTRICT REPORT:
  8. NPS POLLUTION REPORT:  
Haven't heard from anyone as if they have gotten their requests completed. The soil has been rather wet most of this month.
  9. OTHER REPORTS:  
Dan McCall didn't work but only about 6 hours this month staking one request for field borders.
  10. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF CONSERVATION PLANS:
  11. DISTRICT PROGRAM:
  12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
  13. NEW BUSINESS:  
Ryan was appointed as Treasurer for the evening, in the absent of Matt Loomis who resignation as supervisor was turned in at the last meeting.

TeamBank, NA of Iola will be the designated bank for the District for 2007. We didn't do this last year and the auditor picked it up as not having a designated bank on the audit report.

Carla Nemecek has been suggested as the person to fill the vacancy as supervisor. She is checking to see if her agency will ok this.

There is a need in the county for a no-till grass drill to plant grass and rent out the drill to some of the farmers who are putting in no-till crops. Perry Allen who does grass seeding in the county is having a hard time trying to get to all who want grass seed planted, because of the weather is year. Several ideas were discussed. One could be that the district purchase a drill and maybe hire someone to run the drill, and do the maintenance on the drill. Another would be that the implement companies have a no-till grass drill for rent and the District help advertise that the companies have the drills and then provide the District with a percentage of the rentals.

Craig has talked with the County Commissioners and they will continue to offer the County Health Insurance as they have in the past to the district. Craig has formed a time line schedule as to advertising the position of District Manager and interviewing applicants. Advertising will be done in the Iola Register and Humboldt Union. Craig asked that Matt set in when the interviewing is being done. Hope to have someone hired by the first part of June.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM and the May meeting will be May 1, and Bill Gillian, Assistant State Conservationist, from Emporia will be making a visit at that meeting.

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

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CHAIRMAN

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DISTRICT MANAGER