

ALLEN COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD MINUTES

202 W. MILLER RD., IOLA, KANSAS

February 7, 2006

1. Meeting was called to order by Chairman, Steven J. Kipp, at 7:00 pm, and held in the USDA Service Center Building, Iola, Kansas, 66749.
2. **ALSO PRESENT:**
Craig Mentzer, Vice-Chairman – Not present
DeWayne Jarred, Treasurer – **Present**
Allen Terrell, RC&D Member – **Present**
Matt Loomis, Member – **Present**
Ann C. Houk, District Manager – **Present**
George Cole, Soil Conservationist, NRCS – **Present**
Matt T. Powe, District Conservationist, NRCS – **Present**
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:
A motion was made by Matt and seconded by Allen to approve the Minutes of January 11, 2006 as sent out to each supervisor. Motion carried.
4. TREASURER'S REPORT:
Expenses for February are Operations Account \$3049.46, Enterprise Account \$6300.60, and Buffer Account \$353.24. A motion was made by Allen and seconded by Matt to accept the Treasurer Report and pay all bills due. Motion carried.
5. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:
 - A. NACD – Membership (Quota) we will no longer receive the Quota invoice form as in the past. Paid dues last of \$339.50.
 - B. See-Kan RC&D Project – Agri-Tourism Conference – Tuesday March 7, 2006, Holiday Park, Chanute.
 - C. KACD Auxiliary Scholarship for 4-H Discovery Days, at KS State University, May 30 – June 2, 2006. Application and letter needs to be to committees by March 10.
 - D. NACD – brochure about renewable energy issues.
 - E. State Conservation Commission – Area V workshop will be March 14, Iola, RiverTree Church, just across from our office. The State Commission would like for us to have refreshments like last year.
 - F. KACD-EO dues for 2006. Have paid these in the past years
 - G. Forestry training for Natural Resource Professionals – Timber Stand Improvement & Weed Control in New Plantings – March 16, Emporia, Lyons County Extension Office.
6. NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE REPORT:
Matt Powe's Conservation Report – See attached report
Matt reported that a CRP signup would be starting March 27 – April 14. Reenrollment for CRP contracts expiring in 2007 can be reenrolled. EQIP - Allen County received 17 applications for about \$100,000, but received an allocation of \$63,716 for this signup period.

7. CONSERVATION DISTRICT REPORT:
Richard Sutherland – plan for 10 Ac.
Molly Flewharty – plan for 14.6 Ac.
8. NPS POLLUTION REPORT:
We hope that some of the work is getting completed, because of the good weather we have been having.
9. OTHER REPORTS:
10. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF CONSERVATION PLANS:
11. DISTRICT PROGRAM:
12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
13. NEW BUSINESS:
After some discussion a motion was made by DeWayne and seconded by Matt to pay NACD the amount that we paid last year of \$339.50. Motion carried.

KACD-EO dues were discussed. A motion was made by Matt and seconded by DeWayne to pay twenty dollars for the District. This motion carried.

The level that the District owns has developed a problem of not wanting to run. We purchased the level in March of 1997. This level was repaired once about three years ago. We have received a quote from Laser Specialist, Inc for \$1196.00 for a new laser level and sensor, and optional rechargeable battery pack is \$162.50. DeWayne thought that he might get the level for a different price, so he will come in and talk with the company about it. No action was taken on getting a new level at this time.

The Annual Meeting was discussed. We think that everything is about completed, but haven't gotten any door prizes yet. It was suggested that we get a \$25.00 gift certificate from Diebolt Lumber for the 1st prize and \$10.00 gift certificates from Storrer Implement, Alco Implement Inc, and J & W Equipment, Inc. Call supervisors about coming in to sign checks for the above prizes.

Supervisor of the Bourbon County Conservation District voted a raise for Dan McCall of .50 cent an hour more. After some discussion a motion was made by Matt to give Dan .50 an hour raise and this motion was seconded by Allen. Motion carried. This will give him \$10.50 an hour. Right now Dan may not be working many hours, because the Quail Buffer Initiative has just about got all the acres that are needed for the State of Kansas.

A motion was made by DeWayne to give Ann a 3 percent raise effective starting this new pay period. Matt seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Annual Meeting is February 18, starting at 6:30 PM, and will be held in the Community Building at the Park.

The next board meeting will be March 7, and will begin at 7:00 PM, and will be held in the conference room of the USDA Service Center Building. The present meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

MINUTES APPROVED _____
DATE

CHAIRMAN

DISTRICT MANAGER