

# ALLEN COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD MINUTES

202 W. MILLER RD., IOLA, KANSAS

February 6, 2007

1. Meeting was called to order by Chairman, Craig Mentzer, at 7:15 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, Not Present  
Matt Loomis, Treasurer, Not Present  
Allen Terrell, Member, **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 Allen to accept minutes of January 9, 2007 as they were read. This motion was seconded by Ryan. Motion carried.
4. TREASURER'S REPORT:  
The expenses for February are – Operations Account \$ 3,353.54, Enterprise Account \$8,646.92, Buffer Account \$33.92. A motion was made by Ryan to accept the Treasurer Report as read, and pay the bills. This motion was seconded by Allen. Motion carried.
5. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:
  - A. Proceedings from the KACD 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Convention, November 19-21, 2006, Wichita Airport Hilton were presented.
  - B. State Association of Kansas Watershed – Newsletter
  - C. KPERS – Term Life Insurance can be bought by employees from the Minnesota Life Insurance Company..
  - D. Judy Boltman – Legislative Alert – This was sent to Supervisors – HB 2048 and SB 60 is to amend the District Law to increase the limit of state aid to conservation districts from \$10,000 to \$25,000. Needed to contact local state Senators and Legislators to encourage this be amendment be past.
  - E. Dee Turner, State Conservation Commission – a list of 2007 SCC Spring Workshops and locations – **Area V – March 14, Iola, RiverTree Church**, just across the street from the Office. And the SCC would like for Iola to get the break goodies and the SCC will pay for the break items.
  - F. Sustainable Agriculture Conference – February 16-17 at K-State University.
  - G. Public Contracts and Procurement Regulations in KS and MO, at Overland Park, April 19, 2007.
  - H. WRAPS – meeting Thursday, February 22, Iola – Pizza Hut 3:30 – 6:00.
  - I. Keri Harris – reviewed applications for the Marais des Cygnes WRAPS Cost-Share at noon, February 2.
  - J. Kansas Dam Safety Program – Upcoming Events.

- K. The Kansas Rural Center announces an application deadline for cost share through it Clean Water Farm-River Friendly Farms Project until March 31.
- L. Judy Boltman – HB 2048 which would increase state aid to conservation district, blew through the house, needs to pass in the senate.
- M. Dan will be taking training for Customer Service Toolkit training, April 18-19.
- N. K-State Forest Service Conservation Tree Planting Program is facing financial difficult.
- O. Kansas Water Office is inviting the district to submit a member application for the State’s Basin Advisory Committee.
- P. NACD – News release – Gary Mast named USDA Undersecretary.
- Q. Lisa Lerwick, NACD expresses concern about President’s Budget. NACD convention going on now.

6. NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE REPORT:

See attached a copy of Matt’s Natural Resources Conservation Service report.

7. CONSERVATION DISTRICT REPORT:

Not much work is being completed with Cost-share practices because of the ice and frozen soil.

8. NPS POLLUTION REPORT:

Not much going on in the NPS program because the soil has been frozen with an ice cover most of the month of January and February. Need to contact the owners to see where they are in getting their work completed.

9. OTHER REPORTS:

10. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF CONSERVATION PLANS:

Plans approved –

Robert Latta Living Trust	CRP	13 Acres	CP-33
Wayne Adams	CRP	21.1 Acres	CP-33
J Triple K Resources	CRP	4.2 Acres	New Owners

EQIP –

Nelson – Welch	746215070NT	36.5 Acres.
Jarred Brutchin	746215071YH	24.3 Acres
Joey & Rick Berntsen	74621507YB	105.7 Acres
James Robert Smart	7462150724P	71.1 Acres
Don Welch	746215071VP	279.2 Acres
Jared Froggatte	7462150721	28.3 Acres
Bernita Berntsen	746215071Y7	504.0 Acres
Craig Mentzer	7462150723K	9.0 Acres
Roberts – Welch	746215071UL	114.6 Acres
James Lewis	7462150723E	38.5 Acres

WHIP –

Wayne Adams	746215900013	22.9 Acres
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Basic Plans

Craig Mentzer	T-2039	85.1 Acres
Edna Dix	T-3370	82.1 Acres
Triple A Farms	T-429	159.1 Acres

Steve Klotzbach	T-905	105.3 Acres
Fred Mitchelson	T-442	124.6 Acres
Wesley Stephens	T-555	232.2 Acres
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Vievie Teague	T-3455	142.8 Acres
Josh Herrmann	T-3450	28.9 Acres
Robert Latta	T-1834	188.0 Acres

11. DISTRICT PROGRAM:

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

13. NEW BUSINESS:

The Customer Service Toolkit training for Dan McCall was discussed. A motion was made by Allen to send Dan to Customer Service Toolkit training at Emporia on April 18-19 and pay for his expenses for the training. This motion was seconded by Ryan. Motion carried. The supervisors would like to know if Dan plans to make contacts with landowners for the Buffer program, because he hasn't been working much for the past few months, and if he is still interested in being the Buffer Coordinator.

A newsletter was prepared to help advertise the Annual Meeting. It was suggested that an article about K-State's Forest Service Conservation Trees Planting Program that is facing financial difficulty be included, and deadlines for cost-share application be added. After revisions Ryan made a motion to send out the newsletter and this motion was seconded by Allen. Motion carried.

Annual meeting was reviewed. The **Annual Meeting** will be Saturday evening, **February 17**, and start at 6:00 PM, and eat around 6:30. Programs were given out to each Supervisor. Door prizes will be given. A motion was made by Allen to get gift certificates from the Greenery, Ken Pizza, Madison Avenue Steak House, Sonic, A&W Drive In, China Palace, El Charro, McDonalds, Drews, and Pizza Hut, and to make the gift certificates for \$15.00 each. This motion was seconded by Ryan. Motion carried. More door prizes were given this year, because we are not going to have a speaker or entertainment to pay for.

This meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM. and the March meeting will be held March 6, at 7:15 PM.

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

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CHAIRMAN

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DISTRICT MANAGER