

ALLEN COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD MINUTES

202 W. MILLER RD., IOLA, KANSAS

January 9, 2007

1. Meeting was called to order by Chairman, Craig Mentzer, at 7:05 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, **Present**
Allen Terrell, Member, **Present**
Ryan Garrett, Member, Not Present
Ann C. Houk, District Manager, **Present**
Matthew T. Powe, District Conservationist, NRCS, **Present**
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:
Craig read minutes. A motion was made by Allen to accept the December 5, 2006 minutes as read. This motion was seconded by Matt, motion carried.
4. TREASURER'S REPORT:
Expenses for Operations Account were \$2440.08, Enterprise Account Expenses \$1110.98, Buffer Account Expenses \$107.38. A motion was made by Allen to accept Treasurer Report as presented and pay all bills due. This motion was seconded by Matt. Motion carried.
5. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:
 - A. Kansas Rural Center's Clean Water Farms-River Friendly Farm Planning has assistance as well as incentive and cost-share payments. They offer a self-environmental assessment and action plan for \$250.00 to each farmer or rancher who completes the plan.
 - B. Gayla Speer – Olathe, Kansas – Legislative Fair at the Capital in Topeka, which is January 16, and at the National level we need to contact legislators to support Senate version appropriations for technical assistance, and address for Congressional delegation. This was sent to each supervisor last month.
 - C. NRCS – Exhibits for use at Annual Meetings.
 - D. NACD – Payment receipt for dues for fiscal year 2007.
 - E. Troy Wichham – Timber Harvest Workshop, February 23, in Franklin County hosted by Marais des Cygnes Watershed Riparian Initiative.
 - F. Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategy (WRAPS) Conference – January 17-18, 2007, Wichita, Kansas, Website www.kswraps.org available in January.
 - G. Greg Foley, State Conservation Commission – This announcement is to all counties that currently participates in the NRCS/SCC Clerical Assistance Contribution Agreement, has been forced to freeze current contract to help address budget shortfalls. We have this contract.
 - H. Montgomery County has volunteered to be Lead County for this year legislative fair in Topeka. The District would like to have \$30.00 donation to help with the cost of materials for the display, handouts, mileage and lodging, by January 12. The theme for the day will be

Power of Conservation. Would any supervisors, district employees, NRCS, employees be willing to spend a day or part of the day in Topeka helping with the booth.

I. Beth Cooper – Kansas Dam Safety Conference and coming events.

J. K-State Forest Service – KS Tree Farm Program brochures, Ray Aslin, State Forester

K. Lisa Lerwick, NACD more concerning Congress failure to enact the annual Appropriation Bill.

K. Mark Jensen, representative for Sharp Bros, lost of electric power during the last big snow storm in Western Kansas. I had hoped to get a statement from Sharp Bros, so I could have sent them a check for grass seed for 2006, but didn't get the statement, so I voided the check and make a new check after we received the statement we needed.

L. Mileage for the beginning of 2007 will be .485 cents, has been .445 during part of 2006.

M. Marais des Cygnes Basin WRAPS Livestock Project will have a downing board display; can use the downing board display for the Annual Meetings. Can use on a first come schedule. If we contact and invite Herschel George who works for WRAPS he will bring the downing board display.

6. NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE REPORT:

Matt Powe, NRCS Activity report was handed out and is attached.

7. CONSERVATION DISTRICT REPORT:

8. NPS POLLUTION REPORT:

We have had a report that one septic system has been completed, and been check by Alan Weber. As soon as the owner gets the receipts in then we can make a payment to them. Craig Mentzer has completed his fence request. We have some funds left in this account that needs to be used before April 1.

9. OTHER REPORTS:

10. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF CONSERVATION PLANS:

Signed basic plans for

Lucille Lincicome	43.8 Ac	Tract 486
Walls Family Trust c/o Farmers National Co	213.9 Ac	Tract 3187
James Robert Smart	2.7 Ac	Tract 181
Phyllis Zornes	revision for CRP-565-2006	
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11. DISTRICT PROGRAM:

Dan McCall, Buffer Coordinator didn't work but only one day this month, so no report.

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

13. NEW BUSINESS:

The request for \$30.00 from Montgomery County Conservation District for the Legislative Fair was reviewed. A motion was made by DeWayne to give Montgomery County the \$30.00 requested. This motion was seconded by Matt. Motion carried.

The Supervisors decided that maybe we needed to invite Herschel George and have him give a 10 minute report about WRAPS and ask if he could bring the Marais des Cygnes Basin WRAPS Livestock Project downing board display with him and display at the Annual Meeting.

Ann reminded the supervisors of the **Annual Meeting, February 17, at 6:00 PM, Community Building** at the Park in Iola. Jerry Dreher is Key Banker, and will give the Kansas Banker Award to Nathan Clark, and Justin Harbit with Wildlife and Parks will give Bob Walden the Wildlife Award.

A motion was made by Matt to pay KACD regular dues of 468.40 for 2007. Maximum Dues are \$562.08. This motion was seconded by DeWayne. Motion carried.

Matt also made the motion to pay KACD-EO dues of \$20.00. Motion seconded by DeWayne. Motion carried.

After some discussion Matt again made the motion to give Ann a raise of 2 percent which calculates to .22 an hour more. This motion was seconded by Allen. Motion carried. Ann asked if Dan McCall was to get a raise for Buffer Coordinator, after some discussion it was decided not to give a raise at this time.

The next meeting will be February 6, and begin at 7:15 PM, and this board meeting adjourned at 8:30.

MINUTES APPROVED _____
DATE

CHAIRMAN

DISTRICT MANAGER