

ALLEN COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD MINUTES

202 W. MILLER RD., IOLA, KANSAS

- July 3, 2007 -

1. Meeting was called to order by Chairman, Craig Mentzer, at 8:00 PM, and was held in the USDA Service Center Building, Iola, Kansas, 66749.
2. ALSO PRESENT:
Craig W. Mentzer, Chairman
Donna Beebe, Member
Allen Terrell, Member,
Ryan Garrett, Treasurer
Kelli Kramer, District Manager
Matthew T. Powe, District Conservationist, NRCS
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: The minutes of the previous meeting were read by Donna. A Motion was made by Craig and seconded by Donna to accept the minutes of June 5, 2007 as read.
4. TREASURER'S REPORT: Expenses were Operations Account \$9831.38, Enterprise Account \$4100.00, Petty Cash \$10.00, Buffer Account 19.37. A motion was made by Donna and seconded by Ryan to accept the report as presented.
5. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:
 1. Upcoming Conferences:
 - Principles of Rangeland Management** - A school will be held in August. One session will be in Elk County on August 14-16 and the other in Kingman County on August 21-23. Cost is \$250 per person, and scholarships of \$150 are available. Cost includes meals and lodging.
 - Redcedar – Challenge or Opportunity** – A conference discussing the management and marketing of Redcedar in the. Will be held in Springfield, MO August 9-11. Sponsored by Kansas Extension Service. Cost is \$75.
 2. National Association of Conservation Districts – We need to pay dues for the next year. The cost will be \$389.50.
 3. Kansas Association for Conservation & Environmental Education is offering a new associate membership level for the fee of \$10/year. This membership will get us a discount to the annual conference along with some other benefits.
 4. Email from Dee Turner, Quickbooks 2004 and older will have problems after the USDA upgrades to Internet Explorer 7 in July (we have 2003). She recommends that all districts upgrade to the 2007 version. We can get the 2007 version from Sams for \$129. Kelli has a Sams card and will be willing to use it. There will be training on Quickbooks in September for either one or two days. Kelli would like to attend the 2 day training at a cost of \$170 (Dee recommends this for all new hires).
 5. Kansas Forest Service will be selling trees again this year. They will be available starting the first Monday in September and ending the second Friday

in October. They will be selling container grown evergreens along with Pecan, Lacebark Elm, Bur Oak, English Oak, Redbud, Sawtooth Oak, and Black Walnut. Cost is \$50 per 25 seedlings and \$10 shipping per unit.

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

7. CONSERVATION DISTRICT REPORT: None given at this time

8. NPS POLLUTION REPORT: None given at this time

9. OTHER REPORTS: Dan did not make a report this month

10. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF CONSERVATION PLANS:

Jerry Swanson, Bernita Berntsen, Coy Allen, and Gary Beggs

11. DISTRICT PROGRAM:

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The purchase of the drill for the district was discussed again with the names of those that applied for the position as listed in the Iola Register (a copy of the ad is attached). We had three inquiries, Jeff Sellman, David Tidd, and Allen Stewart. It was decided to interview Jeff and David at the next meeting and to discuss the specifics of the position. It was also decided to contact J&W Equipment to see about a purchase instead of a lease and to see how long it takes to get a drill in. Matt will get copies of leases and contract from other districts to help us set up our own. We will also need to check on our insurance and how our coverage will work with this set up.

13. NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Ryan and seconded by Donna to pay dues to the National Association of Conservation Districts. The cost will be \$389.50.

It was decided not to join the Kansas Association for Conservation and Environment Education.

The purchase of Quickbooks 2007 was discussed. It was also decided to send Kelli Kramer to the two day training and to pay for a hotel room in Salina. Kelli will also be paid mileage for driving to the training. The motion to do this was made by Donna and seconded by Allen.

The district will be going in front of the County Commissioners to ask for funding for next year. Craig, Allen, and Donna volunteered to go on July 17 at 8:00 am. Kelli will make the appointment.

The planning for the annual meeting started by deciding to try to get Iola High School to be the location for the meeting, to hold the dinner on February 2 or 9, and to see what type of entertainment would be available to come and speak at the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm, and the next board meeting will be August 7 at 8:00 pm.

MINUTES APPROVED _____
DATE

CHAIRMAN

DISTRICT MANAGER