

ALLEN COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD MINUTES

202 W. MILLER RD., IOLA, KANSAS

June 6, 2006

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:
DeWayne Jarred, Vice-Chairman – **Present**
Matt Loomis, Treasurer – **Present**
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 Matt and seconded by Ryan to approve the Minutes of May 2, as read.
Motion carried. Supervisors couldn't remember what they had read as when the minutes were sent out earlier last month.
4. TREASURER'S REPORT:
Expenses for June are- Operations Account \$ 2868.52, Petty Cash \$0, Buffer Account 39.56, Non-Point Source \$.01, Enterprise \$100.44. A motion was made by Ryan and seconded by Craig to accept the Treasurer Report as read and to pay bills due. Motion carried.
5. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:
 - A. Minutes of May 8 from the State Conservation Commission.
 - B. Minutes of May 10 from KACD
 - C. SCC Budget for Aid to Conservation District – District budgets are due to SCC by September 1, 2006.
 - D. KACD Conservation Education & Youth Committee met April 27, will extend deadline date for the Teacher of the Year to September 1, winner will be announced at the KACD Convention.
 - E. FY 2006 Conservation District Recognition Program Announcement – It was announced at the convention last year about the this program, Conservation District recognition Program will highlight the activities and accomplishments of a district in each of the five administrative areas of the state. Not due until November 1, they want a narrative and photo arrangement. **Allen County will be first for Area V.**
 - F. KPERS – Deferred Compensation Plan Oversight Committee – survey was completed and sent back last Wednesday, May 31, 2006.
 - G. Montgomery County Conservation District – Trying to get NRCS to retain Elizabeth Wilson-Agin (Toolkit expert services). Ann didn't think the District could write about keeping Elizabeth, because we hadn't used her services, because the District hasn't use the Toolkit program. Her position was only temporary and with NRCS budget, they have let their temporary employees go.

- H. KACD – Board of Directors has hired an Executive Director to replace Richard Jones, who has recently retired. They have hired Pat Lehman, of Lawrence.
- I. Soil & Water Conservation Society – Would like to sell a 48-page publication, called *The Soil Biology Primer*.
- J. State Conservation Commission – FY 2007 Policy Revision/Updates and Reminders.
- K. Krysta Harden, NACD – District will be required by USDA to complete a minimum background check (called a NACI) through the federal Office of Personnel Management. The cost of the clearance is \$97.00 plus \$20.00 for finger printing per impacted employee, needs to be completed by September 15th.

6. NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE REPORT:
 Matt Powe's NRCS Conservation Report – A summary of activities for NRCS staff has been attached.

7. CONSERVATION DISTRICT REPORT:

8. NPS POLLUTION REPORT:
 Edward Larson reported that he has completed the lagoon for his septic system, but the fence hasn't been completed yet. He has brought in the statement for the backhoe and plumbing for his request. Lyle Bruenger has completed his pond, but the fence hasn't been completed yet, also we have the statement for the construction of the pond.

9. OTHER REPORTS:
 Dan McCall, Buffer Coordinator, didn't turn in a report, because he hasn't work enough this month to have a need for a report.

10. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF CONSERVATION PLANS:
 Kramer, John and Michael CRP-426A-2003
 Wilson, Kelly CRP-434A-2003

11. DISTRICT PROGRAM:

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

13. NEW BUSINESS:
 The letter from KACD Conservation Education and Youth Committee was reviewed. It was decided to ask Linda Garrett if she would like to be nominated as KACD Conservation Education Teacher of the Year Award. We will wait for her answer before submitting the nomination papers.

The cost-share programs for 2007 were reviewed before we submitted them to State Conservation Commission. We had an owner who planted Brome in a field this last fall, and he didn't think that the stand was going to be any good. Tim Michael, NRCS Soil Conservation Technician went out and check the stand. It needs to be replaces. Kenneth Barsch was in to see if the District would help with replanting the brome. We didn't have replanting of grass in our program. A motion was made by DeWayne to include only a one time replant of grass in our program and to have cost-share rate at 50 percent. This motion was seconded by Matt. Motion carried. As soon as items for the replanting can included in the Non-Point Source Program, then Water Resources and Non-Point Source Cost-Share will be submitted to the State Conservation Commission.

We are getting to much money in the Enterprise Account, so Ryan suggested that we put some funds into an interest making account. A motion was made by Matt and seconded by DeWayne to put \$10,000.00 into an interest making account of some kind, and make it for a year or less. Motion

carried. Craig asked Ryan to do some checking into the different programs with the banks in Allen County.

The budget for 2007 was worked on. The amount from the County Commissioners will remain the same as 2006, that amount is \$20,000.00.

The July meeting will come on the holiday of July 4th, so need to change the date. So mark your calendars for the July meeting for July 11, 2006, at 8:00 PM. The June meeting adjourned at 9:45 pm.

MINUTES APPROVED _____
DATE

CHAIRMAN

DISTRICT MANAGER