

ALLEN COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD MINUTES

202 W. MILLER RD., IOLA, KANSAS

June 5, 2007

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:
Craig W. Mentzer, Chairman
DeWayne Jarred, Vice-Chairman
Donna Beebe, Member
Ryan Garrett, Treasurer
Ann C. Houk, District Manager
Kelli Kramer, District Manager in Training
Matthew T. Powe, District Conservationist, NRCS
Gary Witherspoon, Salesman, J&W Equipment, Iola, KS
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: A motion was made by DeWayne and seconded by Ryan to accept the minutes of May 1, 2007, Special Meeting of May 1, 2007, and Special Meeting of May 9, 2007. Motion Carried.
4. TREASURER'S REPORT: Expenses were Operations Account \$2633.63, Enterprise Account \$556.23, Petty Cash \$10.00, and Buffer Account \$68.18. A motion was made by DeWayne to accept the Treasurer's report as written and to pay bills due as read. Ryan seconded. Motion carried.
5. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:
 1. Kaw Valley Heritage Alliance – 2007 Basic Stream Assessment Workshops
June 21-22 in Wichita and June 26-27 in Marysville
 2. State Conservation Commission – Budget-Aid to Conservation Districts
Allen County will receive \$20,000, state would have given up to \$25,000 if budget was there
 3. Kansas State Conservation Commission – 2006 Water Resources and Non-Point Source cost share contracts will expire on June 30, 2007 and will not be extended
 4. Kansas Association of Conservation Districts – Rules for Poster, Essay, Limerick and Speech Contest
 5. Pat Lehman, KACD Executive Director – Convention is scheduled for November 18-20, two rooms are reserved for Allen County. Hotel will call in July to check on number of rooms needed
 6. Kansas Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom – Looking for donations for scholarships for teacher classes this summer
 7. NRCS – Women's Outdoor Adventures, a weekend at Scott Lake for women
 8. NRCS Matt Powe – Extended CRP planting of native grass for two weeks

due to weather conditions

9. WRAPS Warren Bell – Meeting scheduled for June 11th at Allen County courthouse meeting room from 3:00-5:00 pm.
 10. Kansas State Conservation Commission Greg A. Foley – FY 2008 Non-Point Source Pollution Control Program Technical Assistance is \$1,877 & Information and Education Funding is \$608
 11. Kansas State Conservation Commission – Rangeland Management Position available in Howard, KS.
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 didn't make a report this month
 10. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF CONSERVATION PLANS:
 11. DISTRICT PROGRAM:
 12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
 13. NEW BUSINESS:

Gary Witherspoon came by to discuss a Great Plains 1006NT NoTill Drill and a five year lease. The total price of the drill would be \$25,000 and if we put the drill on a five year lease it would be five payments of \$5138.43 and a final purchase option of \$4650.00. This would bring the total cost to \$30,342.15. J&W would not be interested in owning the drill themselves and to lease it out for us through them.

A discussion then followed Mr. Witherspoon's comments about whether to lease the drill out to whomever comes in and requests it or if it's better to set up a contract with one person to run the drill full time. After discussing maintenance and upkeep issues it was decided to find one person to run the drill full time. If no one can be found by word of mouth, then an advertisement will be placed in the paper. The board decided to wait and find out if anyone is interested before a decision to purchase is made.

Budget for FY2008 was discussed and decided upon. The district is to receive another \$10,000 from the state. On the Operations Fund Budget, Donna made a motion to raise the section *Other Administrative Expenses* to \$4000 from \$3500 and to leave everything else the same. Ryan seconded and the motion carried. Ryan made a motion to leave the Enterprise account as is, DeWayne seconded, motion carried. DeWayne moved and Donna seconded to leave the NPS budget the same. Motion carried.

The Local Operation Agreement between the Natural Resource Conservation Service and the Allen County Conservation Service needs to be reviewed before the next meeting and turned in to the state by September 30, 2007.

The Ranking Worksheet for prioritizing cost share funding was reviewed and decided to leave as Matt and Ann set up. DeWayne made the motion, Donna seconded, motion carried.

Ann made a report on how the state has lowered the District Allocation from \$16,853.00 to \$14,776.00 for NPS and the WR from \$29,778.32 to 22,552.00.

Ann showed where the county project limit had been upped to \$3000. She also presented that the county actual cost is more then what the district is willing to pay for work completed. Ryan made a motion and Donna seconded to leave the limits where they are. Motion carried.

The Allen County Farm Bureau asked for nominees for the Natural Resource Award. Matt recommended Gary Coltrane, Sutherland Farms, Dale Daniels, Jim Smart, Howard Smart, and Craig Mentzer.

Board approved changing of signatures at Team Bank for checking accounts, savings accounts, and safety deposit boxes. Changes to be made are: remove Matt Loomis and Ann Houk, add Donna Beebe and Kelli Kramer.

Kelli Kramer reported that she will be having a baby in November, and Ann volunteered that if she is not busy, she might be able to come in and cover.

Board voted to give Ann Houk a retirement bonus of \$100 per year of service, totaling \$4100. Ryan made the motion and DeWayne seconded. Motion Passed.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 pm, and the next board meeting is July 3 at 8:00 pm.

MINUTES APPROVED _____
DATE

CHAIRMAN

DISTRICT MANAGER