

# ALLEN COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD MINUTES

202 W. MILLER RD., IOLA, KANSAS

March 13, 2007

1. Meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman, DeWayne Jarred, at 8:15 PM, and was held in the USDA Service Center Building, Iola, Kansas, 66749.
2. ALSO PRESENT:  
Craig W. Mentzer, Chairman, Present, late  
DeWayne Jarred, Vice-Chairman, Present  
Matt Loomis, Treasurer, Present  
Allen Terrell, Member, not 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:  
A motion was made by Matt and seconded by DeWayne to accept the minutes of February 6, 2007 as sent out to each supervisor. Motion carried.
4. TREASURER'S REPORT:  
Treasurer Report – Operations Account \$3,292.94, Enterprise Account \$3,510.86, Buffer Account \$.13. A motion was made by DeWayne and seconded by Craig to approve the Treasurer Report and accept the bills that needs to be paid. Motion carried.
5. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:
  - A. Kansas Envirothon information – State Contest is May 9, at Banner creek Reservoir in Jackson County, the area contest is at the Neosho County State Fishing Lake and is held on April 4<sup>th</sup>. We may have a group from Iola going to the area contest.
  - B. Finney County Conservation District – will be participating the 2007 3i Show in Garden City on May 10-11, 2007. They are asking for a donation of \$30.00 to \$50 to aid in the cost of the booth and promotional supplies. We haven't given to this before.
  - C. Marais des Cygnes Forestry Initiative had timber harvest workshop, Friday, February 23, Franklin County.
  - D. Rick Davis, Kansas Grazing Land Coalition, Grassland Prescribed Burning Cooperatives Workshop – need to register before March 5.
  - E. Dee Turner, State Conservation Commission – summary of various KS Sales Tax guidelines.
  - F. Don Jones – State Conservation Commission – Supplemental Livestock Waste Systems Funds – Applications are due by April 1.
  - G. Cathy Green – State Conservation Commission – Agenda for Spring Workshop, our Spring Workshop is March 14, at the RiverTree Church, just across the street from our office. Registration begins at 9:00 AM, adjourn around 3:30 PM. The State Conservation Commission would like to have our District provide the refreshments for the meeting and the SCC will cover the cost of the refreshments.
  - H. Cathy Green – State Conservation Commission – USDA Farm Service Agency news release of the proposal to consolidate eleven FSA County Offices.
  - I. Jenny Jasper, District Manager with KACD Youth & Education Scholarships – KACD Scholarship Memorial Information.

- J. Kansas Department of Health & Environment – Bureau of Waste Management, March 27-29, 2007, Hutchinson’s Grand Prairie Hotel.
- K. Cathy Green – State Conservation Commission – Allocates \$250,000 of reserve Water Resources Cost-Share Program. District eligible to receive this additional allocation must have expended at least 70 percent or more of their allocation as of February 12. We received \$3,378.00 more for our cost-share.
- L. KPERs – for new designated agents’ workshop, Chanute, April 5, 9 AM – 12 PM.
- M. Range Youth Camp Information, can enroll for camp of July 16-19.
- N. KACD-EO State Wide meeting registration forms for April 10-11 Conference, Wichita Water Center, Wichita, Registration and payment are due April 2, of \$40.00.
- O. Tree Shear Demonstration March 28, southeast of Cedar, Kansas (Solomon Valley RC&D).
- P. Soil Stewardship Week 2007 is April 29 – May 6, 2007.
- Q. Patrick Lehman, Executive Director KACD, Information concerning the progress of the bills to raise the limitation of State Aid to Conservation Districts.
- R. State Conservation Commission – has constructed a new Web Site.
- S. NACD – Membership - If amount paid is less than \$775, we will continue to received membership letter unless “final payment is marked”. We paid \$367.50 in November.

6. NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE REPORT:  
See attached Matt’s NRCS Conservation Report

7. CONSERVATION DISTRICT REPORT:

8. NPS POLLUTION REPORT:  
Ann has sent letters to all landowners who have contracts and most have reported back. Some are waiting on contractors to get to them. This would be a good time to get the work done, because the soil is dry.

9. OTHER REPORTS:

10. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF CONSERVATION PLANS:

Robert Latt Living Trust	Field Borders	13.0 Acres	Thayne Cozart	EQIP	89.4 Acres
Wayne Adams	Modification of WHIP contract		William & Doris	Roe & Gene Hartman	
Wayne Adams	CRP	21.0 Acres		EQIP	23.7 Acres
J Triple K Resources	CRP	4.2 Acres	Josh Herrmann	EQIP	77.9 Acres
Bobbie Becker	EQIP	80.2 Acres	David Regehr	EQIP	65.0 Acres
John & Michael Kramer	EQIP	89.2 Acres	Rex Vanatta	EQIP	99.6 Acres
Russ Baxley	EQIP	143.9 Acres	David Regher	EQIP	64.4 Acres
Berdean Wall	EQIP	38.2 Acres	Gary Henderson	Basic Plan	76.1 Acres
Elva Dean Smith	Basic Plan	14.5 Acres	Curtis Mueller	Basic Plan	42.3 Acres

11. DISTRICT PROGRAM:

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

13. NEW BUSINESS:  
DeWayne made a motion to keep the same officers as last year. This motion was seconded by Craig. Motion carried. Chairman – Craig, Vice Chairman – DeWayne, Treasurer – Matt.

Kansas Range Youth Camp was discussed. It was decided that if we have any participants for this camp the District would pay \$220.00, and if we had one wanting to go that person would get the full amount, or if more participants the money would be divided amount those going.

Ann said that she would like to go to the KACD-EO Spring Conference that will be held in Wichita at the Wichita Water Center, April 10-11, 2007. DeWayne made the motion to pay expenses for the KACD-EO Spring Conference, and this was seconded by Matt. Motion carried.

The Kansas Farm Service Agency new release concerning the restructuring plan for closing offices was discussed. In our area Woodson County, Chase County, and Elk County are being closed. NRCS will be closing their NRCS offices in the same counties. District offices will remain open and the District law is currently being voted on by the state legislators to change amounts received by Districts from the State Conservation Commission. The present amount is \$10,000 and the new amount could be 25,000.00.

Ann announced that she was going to retire from the District on July 2, 2007. This might be a little early to do much, but she wanted the Supervisors to know first. When she retires she will have 41 years and 2 months of working for the District. She wanted to know if they would pay for sick leave not taken or vacation time not taken.

At the end of the meeting Matt Loomis presented his resignation as supervisor, because he is leaving the county to live. Now we will need to appoint someone to take his place. The remainder of Matt's term as supervisor will be for one year.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM, and the next meeting will be held April 3, 2007 and will begin at 8:00 PM.

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

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CHAIRMAN

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DISTRICT MANAGER