

# ALLEN COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD MINUTES

202 W. MILLER RD., IOLA, KANSAS

- March 11, 2008 -

Meeting was called to order by Chairman, Craig Mentzer, at 7:30 AM, and was held in the Bistro 812 in Humboldt, KS

## ALSO PRESENT:

DeWayne Jarred, Vice-Chairman  
Ryan Garrett, Treasurer  
Donna Beebe, Member  
Kelli Kramer, District Manager  
Matt Powe, District Conservationist, NRCS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: The minutes for the February and Annual Meeting were reviewed and approved. The motion was made by Donna and seconded by DeWayne. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurers Report – Expenses for Operations Account \$2409.18, Enterprise Account \$3393.06, Petty Cash \$2.02, and Buffer Account \$0.00. The motion to accept the treasurers report and to pay bills was made by DeWayne and seconded by Ryan. Motion passed.

## COMMUNICATIONS –

- 2/05/08 – Free trees and plants, sell trees to give to 4<sup>th</sup> graders (see new business)
- 2/05/08 – Envirothon will be on April 2 (see new business)
  - Team from Iola High School is interested in going per Marsha Longberg
- 2/11/08 – NACD newsletter
- 2/11/08 – KDHE newsletter
- 2/11/08 – KDHE bureau of waste management newsletter
- 2/13/08 – Conservation Innovation Grants are available from NRCS, applications due April 8, 2008
- 2/15/08 – KDHE is going to modify the Kansas Surface Water Register, can see changes on internet
- 2/15/08 – KACD board minutes are on the KACD website
- 2/15/08 – State Envirothon will be on May 14 at Wolf Creek. They are looking for volunteer help
- 2/17/08 – Leonard Wood sent card saying not able to make it to annual meeting
- 2/25/08 – Kansas Range Youth Camp is looking for student attendees. Has been forwarded to local high schools.
- 2/26/08 – Jeanie & Maynard Cress send thank you card for door prize at annual meeting
- 2/26/08 – 2008 SCC Spring workshop will March 5 in Iola.
- 2/27/08 – Marmaton WRAPS will have a meeting March 12 in Ft. Scott.
- 3/07/08 – NACD cookbooks are still available, they cost \$20.00 + \$2.81 shipping
- 3/07/08 – Report any changes in supervisor positions in CSIMS

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

## CONSERVATION DISTRICT REPORT:

- Organized Christmas dinner and annual meeting in February. The annual meeting went very well, we had 45 attendees, which is slightly up from last year. The bad weather may have been a factor in attendance.
- I have started organizing Earth Day. It will be April 21<sup>st</sup> on Richard Sutherland's farm. The 4<sup>th</sup> grade teachers from McKinley, Jefferson, and Lincoln will all be participating. We will have the streambank trailer, Rebecca Lyons range specialist will be here, Justin Harbit will do the "hawk game", Don Gastineau will do a soils presentation, Tim Michael, Matt Powe, and Carla Nemechek will all be doing presentations. Farm Bureau will be bringing out a rainfall simulator, water trailer, and glow germ station. I am looking into water testing kits so we can have a station where the kids can play in the water, and I need to talk to Don George to bring out animal segments.
- Work on the website is ongoing. I am going to try and find someone to host the website this month. I have attached a list of current websites for you to look at on your own time to give you an idea of what is out there.

NPS REPORT: Had the final 2007 NPS project completed. No other work has been completed due to weather. We have used up all of our funds.

WATER RESOURCES REPORT: No work has been completed due to weather. We have enough money to fund one project, already lined up. Then we will be out of money.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF CONSERVATION PLANS: two conservation plans signed

NEW BUSINESS:

- Freetreesandplants.com is offering to sell trees to the district to give one to every 4<sup>th</sup> grader in the county for Arbor Day, April 25. We would get trees for 175 students, and the total cost would be \$308. We would get credit for the trees on the baggie they come in. **\*It was decided not to proceed at this time.**
- The Kansas Envirothon will be April 2<sup>nd</sup>. We have sponsored a team in the past. Do we want to do this again? **\*We will pay the lunches for one team to attend, the motion was made by DeWayne and seconded by Donna to do this. Motion passed.**
- We need to fill out a survey for the SCC about changes in policy. They want to go to flat rates instead of county average costs, they want to add another allocation to the year, and raise the cost-share percentage and land owner limits. They also want to add some new practices. **\*The survey has been filled out and will be returned to the SCC.**
- Kelli has now been working for the district for 6 months. Need to do an evaluation and see if she can be taken off of probation, also see if a pay raise has been earned. **\*The evaluation was filled out and has been put into her personnel file. It was decided to give Kelli a raise of .50 an hour, it was moved and seconded. The raise is to become affective April 1<sup>st</sup>. All future decisions on wages will be made at budget time. Kelli also is taken off of probationary status.**
- Allen Terrell has not responded to the district after being contacted about serving on the board. According to the SCC we have done everything necessary and he can be replaced. The new board member will take over his current term. Mike Kramer has volunteered, or we can search for a new supervisor. **\*Allen will be replaced as soon as we can find someone to take his position. A list of possible candidates is: Aaron Coltrane, One of the Berntsens, Sean Geffert, Layne Sterling, John Roberts, Todd Stevens, Paul or Gene Mieves, Eric Maxwell. Each will be contacted to find out about possibly serving.**

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be April 8, 2008 at 7:30 AM at the Iola Service Center.

MINUTES APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ CHAIRMAN

\_\_\_\_\_ DISTRICT MANAGER