

# ALLEN COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD MINUTES

202 W. MILLER RD., IOLA, KANSAS

May 2, 2006

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:**  
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, Not Present  
George Cole, Soil Conservationist, NRCS, **Present**
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:  
A motion was made by DeWayne and seconded Matt to approve the minutes of April 4, 2006 as sent out to each supervisor. Motion carried.
4. TREASURER'S REPORT:  
Expenses for: Operations Account \$2585.05, Non-Point Source Account \$150.00, Enterprise Account \$1986.69, and Buffer Account 39.57. A motion was made by DeWayne and seconded by Matt to accept the Treasurer Report as read and pay bills due. Motion carried.
5. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:
  - A. Stream Channel Field Course – Mapping and Assessments of Natural Stream Channels, July 24-29, Sheridan, Wyoming.
  - B. State Association of Kansas Watersheds dues for 2006 that are \$50.00.
  - C. Water Project Environmental Coordination Act – Curt Whitaker, changing channel of a stream, if we have any comments about this, need to make now.
  - D. KPERS – Report showing listing of payments made through EFT, to see if all was correct. The report was correct.
  - E. State Conservation Commission – 2005 legislature appropriated to the SCC \$750,000 for small dam rehabilitation, new and revised rules & revised rules & regulations adopted March 23, 2006.
  - F. Watershed Management Seminar – May 4, Ellis County Health Department, Hays, Ks.
  - G. State Conservation Commission – Several Conservation districts have notified the Commission that they are forming or have formed nonprofit foundation to raise money for conservation related activities has the Attorney General Office opinion to SCC.
  - H. NACD – Receipt of dues.
  - I. StreamLink Assessment Workshops – June 29-30 at Perry, and August 9-10 at Florence, Kansas.
  - J. Kansas Public Employment Retirement System – KPERS new rules for working after retirement.

- K. Rick Davis – Kansas Grazing Lands Coalition – needs to draft action plan & elect officers on May 10 meeting, 2:00 pm in Winfield.
- L. Herschel George and Keri Harris – Marais des Cygnes Watershed Livestock Grant – have submitted project proposal and requested additional \$200,000 to be used for FY 08.
- M. KACD – Annual Convention – November 19-21, Airport Hilton Hotel, Wichita, can reserve 2 rooms from May 1 through May 12 for the convention. Room rate is \$72.00 flat rate per room.
- N. Marais des Cygnes Watershed Riparian Forestry Initiative offers cost-share program – planting trees along riparian areas.

6. NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE REPORT:

Matt was on annual leave for this week so he made a report and a copy was passed out to each supervisor.

7. CONSERVATION DISTRICT REPORT:

8. NPS POLLUTION REPORT:

Ann has made some contacts with those who have contracts for cost-share requests. One request (Edward Larson) for septic system was ready to start working on the lagoon, but now that we have had some rain I don't know if they got any work completed. We haven't heard from the other requests.

9. OTHER REPORTS:

Dan McCall didn't submit a report, because he only worked 3.5 Hrs this month. Most of the Buffer strips and field borders have been staked and planted to grass.

10. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF CONSERVATION PLANS:

11. DISTRICT PROGRAM:

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

13. NEW BUSINESS:

The State Association of Kansas Watersheds dues for 2006 were discussed. A motion was made by DeWayne to pay the SAKW dues of \$50.00. This motion was seconded by Matt. Motion carried.

Ann reported that she would be out of the office Wednesday afternoon May 10, and all day on Thursday, May 11 for QuickBooks training in Salina. Training will be given in the NRCS Training Center.

Matt and Ann reported from the Earth Day activities on April 21. We thought the 4<sup>th</sup> graders from the Jefferson and McKinley Elementary Schools of Iola had a good time and maybe learned a few things. When we have to go after the streambank trailer we always have to hunt up a ball and hitch to use. A motion was made by DeWayne and seconded by Matt to have the District purchase a ball and receiver hitch so it can be used when necessary. Motion carried.

The clock that was order to be given to Steve Kipp has finally come in. We should have had it when we had him for supper at the last meeting, but couldn't get the order done just right. So it was decided that if he came into the office, to just give him the clock at that time.

Cost-share programs for Non-Point Source and Water Resources were discussed. With the cost of fuel going up all the time, the price of each practice has gone up to landowners. A motion was made

by Matt to raise the county average cost of each of the practice we offer 15 percent and keep the percentages the same. DeWayne is an earth moving contractor, so he declined to vote on the motion. Allen was not able to be at the meeting, so Ann is to call Allen and see what his opinion would be on the 15 percent raise of county average cost, and see if he would second the motion. This will be reported at the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 and the June meeting will be held June 6, 2006, at 8:00 PM.

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

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CHAIRMAN

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DISTRICT MANAGER