

ALLEN COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD MINUTES

202 W. MILLER RD., IOLA, KANSAS

May 1, 2007

1. Meeting was called to order by Chairman, Craig Mentzer, at 8:25 PM, and was held in the USDA Service Center Building, Iola, Kansas, 66749.
2. ALSO PRESENT:
Craig W. Mentzer, Chairman, Present
DeWayne Jarred, Vice-Chairman, Present
Donna Beebe, Member, Present
Allen Terrell, Member, Not Present
Ryan Garrett, Treasurer, Present
Ann C. Houk, District Manager, Present
Matthew T. Powe, District Conservationist, NRCS, Present
Bill Gilliam, Assistant State Conservationist, NRCS, Area Office, Emporia
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:
A motion was made by DeWayne and seconded by Ryan to accept the minutes of April 3, 2007 as read. Motion carried.
4. TREASURER'S REPORT:
A motion was made by DeWayne to elect Ryan as Treasurer, and seconded by Donna, this was done because Matt Loomis was elected Treasurer and has resigned to move to Woodson County. Motion carried. Expenses were Operations Account \$2486.02, Enterprise Account \$4271.37, Non-Point Source Account \$168.55, Buffer Account \$474.93. A motion was made by DeWayne and seconded by Donna, to accept the Treasurer report and pay bills due as read. Motion carried.
5. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:
 1. Neosho County Conservation District – Ranking for the teams that participated in the Envirothon Day. Allen County's team placed 9th out of 9.
 2. KACD-EO – State Training conference that was held April 10-11 at Wichita's Water Center. I had planned to go, but my mother was in the hospital at that time, so I had to cancel out.
 3. Seepage Control, selling pond and lake sealing products.
 4. Kansas Native Plant Society – Sending copies of brochure to help reach people who are interested in native plants.
 5. Mary Shaffer, Johannis Highlights USDA'S 2007 Farm Bill Proposals for conservation.
 6. FY-2008 Buffer Budget – Need to review last year's budget and make a new budget.
 7. Farm Bureau – Time to nominate for the Natural Resources Award. Need applications August 15, 2007.
 8. Pat Lehman, KACD Executive Director – Senate Ways and Means Committee began April 18, to build the Senate version of the Omnibus Budget Bill; House Appropriations Committee began April to build their version of the Omnibus Budget from \$10,000, to a maximum of \$25,000 beginning in FY-2008.

9. Nebraska Department of Natural Resources invites us to attend the 2007 Western Regional Conference of the Association of State Dam Safety Officials; conference is May 20-22, 2007 at Omaha, Nebraska.
 10. Range Youth Camp is still taking enroll.
 11. State Conservation Commission – CSIMS Ranking Worksheet instructions for FY-2008.
 12. Mark Heim, State Conservation Commission, SCC has committed to updating district on the status of funding for KS Water Quality Buffer Initiative.
6. NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE REPORT:
Matt's NRCS report attached.
 7. CONSERVATION DISTRICT REPORT:
None given at this time
 8. NPS POLLUTION REPORT:
The soil has been too wet to do much construction this month.
 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:
Our visitor for board meeting was Bill Gilliam, Assistant State Conservationist, NRCS. He talked about how tight the budget is. There will be only 9 counties closed instead of the 11 as first thought. He said that the Local Operational Agreement needs to be completed real soon.

We welcomed Donna Beebe as a new supervisor. This is the first time that we have had a woman as a supervisor.

The Buffer Budget was discussed. A motion was made by Ryan and seconded by Donna to leave the Buffer Budget the same as last year. Motion carried. The Buffer budget was set at \$7500.00 last year.

We haven't had any students contact us who wanted to go to Range Camp. Need to contact Charlie and Matt Kerr to see if they might have any one from the FFA wanting to go. They are instructor at Humboldt, and Iola.

The programs for the Water Resources and Non-Point Source were discussed. A motion was made by DeWayne to raise the landowner limitation to \$3000.00 for both programs. This motion was seconded by Ryan. Motion carried. The county average cost and the percentages will remain the same for both programs.

This meeting adjourned at 9:45 PM, and the next board meeting will be June 5, and begin at 8:00 PM.

The next meeting to interview those chosen for the District Manager position will be held May 9 at 6:00 PM.

MINUTES APPROVED _____
DATE

CHAIRMAN

DISTRICT MANAGER