

ALLEN COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD MINUTES

202 W. MILLER RD., IOLA, KANSAS

- November 6, 2007 -

Meeting was called to order by Chairman, Craig Mentzer, at 7:30 AM, and was held in the USDA Service Center Building, Iola, Kansas, 66749.

ALSO PRESENT:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: A Motion was made by Ryan and seconded by DeWayne to accept the minutes of October 2, 2007 as written.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Expenses for Operations Account \$2403.07, Enterprise Account \$0.00, Petty Cash \$10.00, and Buffer Account \$0.00.

COMMUNICATIONS –

1. Pat Lehman: 509 Capitol Court Campaign...NACD is asking districts to donate \$100 to fixing up the NACD office in Washington DC.
2. Pat Lehman: Urban and Community Conservation Inventory: NACD is doing a nationwide inventory on what the different conservation districts focus their energy on.
3. Mary Shaffer: Working Trees for Wildlife: NRCS has publications and displays on that can be used at meetings. Topics include working trees for Agriculture, Communities, Livestock, & Water Quality.
4. Cathy Thompson: Area V SCC Commissioner Election: Area V will be electing a commissioner at the annual meeting. Only nominee is same guy as last year.
5. Cathy Thompson: Update Supervisor Info & Annual Meeting: have supervisor info updated by Oct 12, including those that have passed away
6. Robert Reschke: Unavailability of CRP Technical Assistance/Kansas Buffer Program: NRCS and FSA announced they have ceased providing assistance on CRP Applications, incentive payments, and practice incentive payments. No Buffer Coordinator work can be done, and no hiring can be done.
7. Kara Neimeir: October Marmaton WRAPS Meeting: There will be a meeting on October 11.
8. KACD Endowment: Raffle. They are giving away a 42" plasma HDTV at the annual meeting. Tickets are \$2 each, 3 for \$5, or 7 for \$10.
9. Blackburn Flag: Do we need to reorder? We do, we need 1 box of orange, 2 boxes of white.
10. NACD: Forestry Notes: Order form for State Tree Posters, Prevent Forest Fires pamphlet.
11. Don Jones: Supplemental I&E Grants: Districts can apply for up to \$2500 in Information and Education Grants, but require a 40% non-federal match.
12. NACD: News & Views: September/October newsletter
13. Cheryl Bennett: Corrected Resolutions for Convention: Bourbon County is sending two resolutions to the annual meeting, one on initial watering sources in a pasture and one on studeing deer spreading sericea lespedeza.
14. Cathy Thompson: Soil Conservationist: KACD is hiring a soil con for Ulysses, KS.
15. Don Jones: 2008 WRAPS Conference: There will be a WRAPS conference April 14-15 in Salina, KS. Watershed tour will be on te 14th, and meeting on the 15th.
16. KACD-EO: New Employee Orientation Meeting: November 19 @ annual meeting.
17. Dee Turner: Bioenergy Meetings: Bioenergy and Water in Kansas, December 5 in Emporia.
18. Warren Bell: Neosho Wraps Meeting: November 14 at the Greenery
19. Pat Lehman: Convention Update: Jorry Moran will be the keynote speaker at the annual meeting.
20. Deanne Lull: National Agroforestry Center's Exhibits: Working with Trees will for next years fair exhibit.
21. SAKW: Newsletter: State Association of Kansas Watershed Newsletter.

22. Patricia Winters: KACD Resolution: Lincoln County Conservation District is presenting a resolution on replacing wells.
23. Dee Turner: CD District Updates: New addresses and employee info on districts.
24. Dee Turner: KACEE E-Newsletter: The Kansas Environmental Education Conference is Nov 2-3.
25. Lisa Lerwick: eNotes from NACD
26. Robert Reschke: Reinstating FSA Payment Authority for Buffer: FSA and NRCS have reinstated payments so Buffer work can now continue.
27. Deanne Lull: FY2006 Accomplishments Toward Productive Lands...: Can see the agency's performance on conservation goals.
28. Pat Lehman: Breakout Sessions Announced: breakout sessions for the annual meeting
29. Kara Neimeir: Marmaton Wraps PowerPoint and Survey: Can pass out at meetings, etc
30. Mary Shaffer: No-Till on the Plains Winter Meeting: There will be a meeting on Nov 14-15 in Gering Nebraska. Cost is \$75.
31. KDHE: Kansas Environmental News: Newsletter of Kansas Department of Health & Environ.
32. NACD: Forestry Notes:
33. Kari Harris: Conservation Cookbook: NACD has put together a cookbook of recipes from all over the country. They are selling for \$20 and will be delivered in February.
34. Dianne Haubein: KACD Grasslands Committee Meeting: Agenda for meeting
35. Karen Tuggle: KACD Rural Developmental Agenda: Agenda for meeting
36. Lisa Lerwick: eNotes from NACD
37. Gayla Speer: KACD-EO Meeting Info: Agenda for Meeting
38. DeWitt Textiles: Samples and Prices of Fabric Mulch. Some districts offer this for sale.
39. Gina Thompson: Legislative Fair in Topeka is on January 22, 2008, and they are looking for booth help and pictures for display.
40. Minutes of State Conservation Commission Meeting

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

CONSERVATION DISTRICT REPORT:

1. Created and mailed out Fall Newsletter.
2. Talked to banks about loan
3. Sent off level to be worked on, *again*, same problem as before. Will be discussing help on shipping because I had to ship it off for a second time.

NPS REPORT: I sent off reminder letters to those that have septic systems outstanding that Alan Weber needs to inspect the system before it is covered over. Having problems getting this done. Three septic systems have been finished and paid. There is \$3589.86 left in the fund.

WATER RESOURCES REPORT: There is no money left in the allocation to be used. We have two new contracts for terraces. The following contracts have been completed: .95 AC of Waterway.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF CONSERVATION PLANS: Three conservation plans and one modification signed.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Donna Beebe and DeWayne Jarred are up for reelection this upcoming February. Donna has agreed to serve on the board again, but DeWayne wants to retire. He will try to find someone to replace him, but will serve again if no one else can be found.
2. Kelli is to talk to TeamBank again about the loan, to find out what the annual payment will be with a down payment of around \$6000. She is also to go talk to Tom Strickler to see if he can beat the rate that TeamBank offered.
3. We will have a Christmas dinner in December at the 812 Bistro in Humboldt if they have room for a meeting. If they are unable to do it, then we will find another location.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be the week of December 17, a Christmas Dinner at 812 Bistro in Humboldt at 7:00 pm.

MINUTES APPROVED _____ Date _____ CHAIRMAN
 _____ DISTRICT MANAGER