

ALLEN COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD MINUTES

202 W. MILLER RD., IOLA, KANSAS

October 3, 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:**
Craig W. Mentzer, Chairman, **Present**
DeWayne Jarred, Vice-Chairman, **Present**
Matt Loomis, Treasurer, **Present**
Allen Terrell, Member, Not present
Ryan Garrett, Member, **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 to accept the Minutes of September 5, 2006, as sent out to each Supervisor. This motion was seconded by DeWayne. Motion carried.
4. TREASURER'S REPORT:
Treasurer Report was read by Matt. A motion was made by DeWayne to accept the Treasurer Report as read and pay the bills due. This motion was seconded by Ryan. Motion carried.
5. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:
 - A. NACD – Membership quota dues – working on a fiscal year budget now instead of calendar year.
 - B. State Conservation Commission – Allen County will receive \$6,800.00 for the 2007 Buffer Grant Project. In the Budget we completed earlier we asked for \$7,500.00 and may receive that amount after the FY 2006 has been completed.
 - C. KACD – Annual Convention – Pre-Registration time, Convention is November 19-21, 2006, Wichita.
 - D. State Conservation Commission – Scott Carlson, Photos for KACD Convention, need 5-10 photos that complement the story of the programs that we are most proud of showing from our District.
 - E. Renewable Energy Systems and Energy Efficiency Improvements Program – Rural Development Agency has new regulations that provides continued guidance regarding Section 9006 grants and new guidance regarding Section 9006 guaranteed loans. Section 9006 encourages agricultural producers and small rural businesses to create renewable and energy efficient systems.
 - F. KPERS – Designated Agents, new Preliminary 2005 Employer Fund Statement.
 - G. KPERS – new web site for employers.
 - H. KACD – Award Nominations for 2006 award program.
 - I. NRCS – Harold Klaege, State Conservationist, as reported at KACD Area Workshops, the NRCS budget is projected to be reduced beginning in FY 2007, and have reorganization plan recommendations no later than December 17, 2006.

- J. Kansas Water Office – Basin Advisory, committee, membership are due in the Kansas Water Office, October 15, 2006.
 - K. SCC – Dee Turner – Ann has submitted to State Conservation Commission a Conservation Agreement Clerical Support Quarterly Report for the 3rd Quarter (EQIP) for clerical assistance.
 - L. Mary Shaffer, NRCS, Kansas Forest Service’s Fall Field Day at Emporia, on October 12, 2006.
 - M. KACD Auxiliary would like to recognize District Secretary/Managers, who promote conservation practices and principles with their Districts.
 - N. Marais des Cygnes WRAPS – list of applications for grants funds, received 11 applications and 10 has been approved.
 - O. Tickets to sell for KACD Endowment Committee for convention.
 - P. Rick Davis, Kansas Grazing Lands Coalition, meeting October 19, at Douglas County Fairgrounds, Lawrence, voting on members for Board of Directors, and election of officers.
6. NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE REPORT:
Attached is Matt Powe’s NRCS conservation report for this past month.
 7. CONSERVATION DISTRICT REPORT:
 8. NPS POLLUTION REPORT:
Have completed a couple of practices for NPS, but need to contact the rest to see where they are in the work on each practice.
 9. OTHER REPORTS:
Dan McCall, Buffer Coordinator, didn’t have a report; he only worked one day this month. He did stake a buffer strip of 0.8 acres for Jack Franklin.
 10. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF CONSERVATION PLANS:
 11. DISTRICT PROGRAM:
 12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
 13. NEW BUSINESS:
The dues requested from NACD was reviewed and discussed. A motion was made by DeWayne to pay NACD the one percent of our current budget. This motion was seconded by Ryan. Motion carried.

Allen Terrell term as supervisor will expire at annual meeting time this February. He needs to decided if he will run for re-election or not.

The KACD convention was discussed again. Craig said that he would try to go to the convention, November 19-21. A motion was made by Matt to pay for Craig reservations and motel for convention. This motion was seconded by DeWayne. Motion carried. We will need to make reservations for a motel, other than the Airport Hilton which full and has a waiting list for rooms.

At the August board meeting the supervisors purchased the big magnet clips to give at the Annual Meeting, than DeWayne said that he liked the slitters as give a ways, but the district had already decided to give the big clips. So to use some of the funds from Buffer Project Ann contacted the State Conservation Commission to see if we could use some of the Buffer money as advertisement of

the Buffer Project and we could. So Ann ordered the slitters using the Buffer Account for the Annual Meeting. Then Ann asked the approval of the Supervisors at this board meeting. Which the supervisors said was ok.

It was decided that we would not have any entertainment at the Annual Meeting for this year. Just have the program on the award winners.

This board meeting was adjourned at 9:25 PM, and the November board meeting will be November 7, 2006, and will begin at 7:00 because the daylight saving time changes.

MINUTES APPROVED _____
DATE

CHAIRMAN

DISTRICT MANAGER